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- Outsider:—White Dragon.

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3. Happy Season.
- Outsider:—Hoi Polloi.

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1. Nore Queen.
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3. Airborne.
- Outsider:—Spanish Onion.

RACE 6—Caulfield Handicap (Second Section)—One mile.

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3. Shinnon.
- Outsider:—Sunshine.

RACE 7—Wyalong Stakes (Second Section).

1. Fifth Alarm.
2. Burgomaster.
3. Tunny.
- Outsider:—Jinx.

RACE 8—Caulfield Handicap (Third Section)—One mile.

1. Red Fox.
2. Pot Choy.
3. Midnight Express.
- Outsider:—Happy Valley.

(Comments on to-day's prospects at Happy Valley will be found on the sports page.)

Government Fulfills Its Promise

London, Mar. 15.

Britain will introduce the five day week in its newly nationalised coal mines on May 5.

Details of an agreement between the national miners' union and the Government coal board was announced following a miners' delegate meeting which include:—

A five-day, 37 and one half hour week for face workers, exclusive of travel time from the pithead, and a work week of five days and 42 and one half hours for surface employees of the nationalised mines.

Payment of a day's wage to hourly workers in lieu of the sixth day and of 16 per cent of their weekly average to piece workers to be called the "bonus." The miners agreed that any mine on any day without good reason would lose his "bonus" for the week.

The 700,000 miners, vital element in the nation's struggle for recovery were promised the five-day week when Labour came to power as part of the "Miners' Charter."

MANY KILLED IN RIOTS

London, Mar. 14. Dispatches from Lahore said that 250 persons had been killed and 600 houses destroyed during rioting in Multan, according to an official statement.

The announcement said 47 villages in the Multan area were still burnt-out.—United Press.

BOMBAY CASUALTIES

Bombay, Mar. 15. Nine persons were killed and 14 injured in communal disturbances in the past 36 hours, it was officially reported, as the government invoked a 24-hour curfew.—Associated Press.

Junks Sunk By Mines

Paris, Mar. 14.

Saigon Radio reported that 50 were killed and 25 injured, mostly Chinese, following the sinking of seven junks out of a convoy of 12 junks which hit mines in the vicinity of Pointe Camau, south-west of Saigon.

The convoy was carrying 50,000 piculs of charcoal. The broadcast said there was no news yet of the five remaining junks.—United Press.

More Money To Buy Food For Britain

London, Mar. 14.

The House of Commons today approved the supplementary estimate for the Ministry of Food of £49,840,000, after a bitter attempt by the Opposition to reduce the amount by £1,000—a method of seeking complete disapproval.

Sir Waldron Smithers, speaking for the Conservative amendment, strongly protested the absence of the Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, who returned to England only yesterday after a trip to the United States and Canada to assure Britain's meat and bread rations.

He charged that the Ministry's request for such a large sum was due to mismanagement in purchasing and distribution. Sir Waldron vehemently criticized Government's methods of bulk purchase and the House had been informed by persons who should know that the price paid by Britain to Argentina for a large quantity of oil seed and the price paid by the Argentine government to its people showed a difference of £49,000,000.

"It looks as if the Argentine government took a nice little commission of £49,000,000 at the expense of the British taxpayer," said Sir Waldron.

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Mr. Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, reminded the House of the £7,000,000 paid to the Argentine Government for meat bought under contract. He said the contract was the sixth of its kind and that gave some idea of the length of time Britain had been buying bulk from Argentina.

"We have to take things as we find them, and it is a fact that the Argentine government takes over the meat from its own nationals and we have to deal with the Argentine government," said Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall said the amount for meat was raised to £7,000,000 after the Argentine government told Britain £5,000,000 was not sufficient to enable it to satisfy its primary production.

He said there was much hard bargaining before the British representatives agreed to an additional £2,000,000 over the price set in September 1946.

"Consideration for the extra money in this country is to get 85 per cent of the exportable surplus of the Argentine meat output during the coming year," he said. "So far, this contract is concerned, we think we have not made a bad bargain at all."—United Press.

QUESTIONNAIRE

"Senator Vandenberg is compiling these into a questionnaire," Senator Wherry added. "He will insist upon competent Government officials answering the questions fully." In public hearings before the Foreign Relations Committee acts on the proposals.

Vandenberg himself told the press: "If anybody has any questions to ask about this proposal I want them answered." Senator Robert Taft is reported to have asked: "If we give aid to Turkey and Greece, how about France?"

About 700 telegrams have been received at the White House following President Truman's speech on Tuesday advocating aid for Greece and Turkey. The majority of the early messages strongly supported President Truman, but during the past 24 hours a number of "cleverly inspired" messages condemning him had come in.—Reuters.

Plane Disappears: 23 Lost

Lyon, Mar. 14.

Twenty-three persons were presumed lost following the disappearance of a French passenger transport plane which left Nice at 1.20 p.m. and was last heard from when it passed over Montelmar, halfway to Lyons.

Officials at Lyon-Bron airport said the plane must be presumed lost. Montelmar lies midway between Avignon and Valence on the Rhone river.

Eighteen passengers and five crewmen were aboard the plane. The company is withholding the passenger list until the fate of the plane has been determined. Mountain rescue patrols and Alpine troops in the Grenoble-Valence region have been alerted. Several parties began searching mountains of the Drome Department, over which the transport was flying when it last reported.—United Press.

SHANGHAI CRASH

Shanghai, Mar. 14. Seven members of the Chinese Air Force were killed when their B-25 crashed near Shanghai.

The plane was on a flight from Canton and ran into heavy fog on the outskirts of the city.—United Press.

Parliament Grants £19,000,000 As Assistance To Greece

London, Mar. 14.

Parliament to-day agreed to grant £19,000,000 to help Greece—£18,000,000 towards the cost of the Greek armed forces from last January to March 31 of this year and £1,000,000 in a gift of civilian goods.

During the debate on the Foreign Office estimate for this amount—which was agreed to without a vote—Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State and Mr. Ernest Bevin's deputy at the Foreign Office, said that any Greek Government, Left or Right, must have the forces to maintain order.

China Numbers

455,900,648

People

Shanghai, Mar. 15.

The latest census reveals that China's present population is 455,900,648, excluding Soviet-occupied Dairen and certain Communist areas, according to a Ministry of the Interior announcement.

Breaking this figure down, the census department of the Ministry said males number 230,975,490 while there were 204,703,088 females. The department did not explain the status of the 20,000,000-odd persons unaccounted for in this breakdown, although it described the census as "relatively accurate and official."

The total number of families in the country's 44 administrative areas is 60,677,998, making the size of the average family five persons, the report said.

SZECHUAN'S 47 MILLION

Szechuan shows the heaviest total for an administrative area, containing 47,515,976 inhabitants, with (Continued on Page 12)

MOLOTOV TOLD AMERICAN IDEAS OF DEMOCRACY

Moscow, Mar. 15.

Secretary of State George Marshall bluntly told the conference of Foreign Ministers that the United States does not consider a society as democratic if the men who "respect the rights of their fellowmen are not free to express their own beliefs and convictions without fear that they may be snatched away from their home or family."

Mr. Marshall was speaking on the need for democratization of Germany, but his comment, coming after President Harry Truman's declaration against totalitarianism in Greece, heavily stressed the American stand for other parts of the world.

"To us a society is not free," he said, "if law abiding citizens live in fear of being denied the right to work or of being deprived of life liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov acknowledged that Mr. Marshall's remarks were useful, but asserted that the Russian view on freedom of speech and the Press did not mean freedom for propagation of Nazi and aggressive doctrines.

Mr. Molotov said the Soviet Union would have something further to say on the subject. Prospects are dimmed for the informal conversations

on China between Britain, Russia, and the United States.

Mr. Molotov has requested originally that China be placed on the Ministers' formal agenda but Mr. Marshall refused unless a representative of China attended.

Mr. Molotov then pressed for informal talks but in Nanking, the Chinese Foreign Office announced its refusal to participate.

The Americans at the conference placed special emphasis on Mr. Marshall's remarks in view of Mr. Truman's declaration against the spread of communism in Greece.

Mr. Marshall said the Americans believe that "the present control of Germany by the Allies gives us a unique opportunity to demonstrate to the world the sincerity of the democratic goal which was proclaimed in the Atlantic Charter and the Charter of the United Nations."—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

One Good Step Deserves Another

"MURDER is murder" said some clear-thinking person a long time ago, and it's heartening to find Government is now prepared to subscribe to this opinion. British law, always willing to give the benefit of the doubt, often finds itself in the invidious position of being the protector of technicalities of law are capable of letting scoundrels free a person who clearly, on circumstantial evidence, has been guilty of a crime. Taking advantage of the leniency offered by hair-splitting laws, the violently criminal sections of Hongkong's community have been indulging themselves in an orgy of armed robbery. Their day of immunity is passing. On Thursday the Legislative Council gave first reading to a Bill which permits a Judge to impose the death sentence on anybody taking part in an armed robbery or an assault with intent to rob, involving the death of a person. This new law is no less acceptable because it is delayed. The flagrant flaunting of authority by our criminal elements can only be met and tamed by stern official measures, and if there is to be full and corrective retribution, our police and law officers must not be hampered by nice distinctions in legal procedure.

The authorities feel they are entitled to expect a decrease in armed robberies as a result of this new and drastic legislation, but there is no reason why this should be considered the only acceptable form of deterrent. Robbery, whether or not accompanied by violence is abhorrent and the public should be given every encouragement, consistent with responsible behaviour, to combat the crime wave which has afflicted Hongkong for the past 18 months. The time seems opportune for Government to revise its hitherto implacable policy regarding the possession of licensed firearms by householders. The policy, apparently, is based on the fear that any such firearms may fall into the hands of undesirable characters. The fear is possibly exaggerated. It is not suggested that there should be indiscriminate issuing of firearms licences, but that a new policy, expressly intended to meet abnormal conditions, be formulated, enabling the authorities to use their discretion in permitting householders to possess firearms. Qualifications could be made necessary, such as proven possession of firearms, evidence of a steady and law-abiding life, and in seeking the type, so beloved by novelists, who meekly surrender when confronted by an unarmed man; they are determined and tough, capable in the last analysis of any crime. They will listen to the reason of force only and the police cannot be omnipresent.

without protest from certain Labour members who immediately protested against a Greek Army.

Nothing in his judgment, he said, could defend Bulgaria, and he had said that to the chief men in the Russian state himself.

"And I say it again—that their friends in Bulgaria are unworthy of the friendship of any country. How many thousands of Greeks have been slain by these Bulgarians? Never will I listen peacefully to apologies for the behaviour of Bulgarians."

Referring to Greece's economic plight, he urged the British Government to take a large proportion of surplus Greek tobacco, which would help Greece more effectively even than this vote.

Mr. Eden concluded: "I think we would do best not to seek to broaden the Greek Government or give them inst. actions, but to build up their economy and the best way to do that is to take their tobacco and give them a chance to pay their way and live their life as a free and independent state."

NOT A GREEK WORD

"Compromise," he said, was not a Greek word. Declining it was not surprising that Greece, who fought on Britain's side against the Germans, thought, she ought to have an Army if Bulgaria, who fought on the other side, had one. Mr. Eden said it nauseated him the Bulgarian whose behaviour had been so utterly treacherous, should have an army.

WELL-KNOWN TECHNIQUE

Mr. C. Mott Radcliffe (Cons.) who had opened the debate, said the leaders of the Greek bar were adopting the well-known technique of forcing the Government to take repressive measures against them and then complaining of the repressive measures.

The aim of the guerrillas was perfectly clear—to maintain a state of chaos in order to wreck by any economic recovery and thereby create conditions of trouble to overthrow the present Government and reduce Greece to a state of anarchy which she so narrowly escaped in the winter of 1944.

Captain Francis Noel Baker, (Lab.) whose family has been associated with Greece since the Greek war of independence, thought the best solution was for Greece to be a commitment of the United Nations.

He wanted United Nations control and financial assistance for Greece.

Winding up, on the subject of tobacco, Mr. McNeill said the British Tobacco Controller, who went to Greece, was authorised to purchase £10,000,000 worth of Greek tobacco. That offer still held good, but he regretted that Greece had only produced one tenth of the tobacco. Transport and packing were two of the difficulties but the biggest single factor was the inflationary situation. The Greeks would only part with as much of their stock as they held cash for. He agreed with Mr. Eden that the hardest thing possible in Greece was to form a coalition and he welcomed Captain Noel Baker's advice about the activities of the United Nations.—Reuters.

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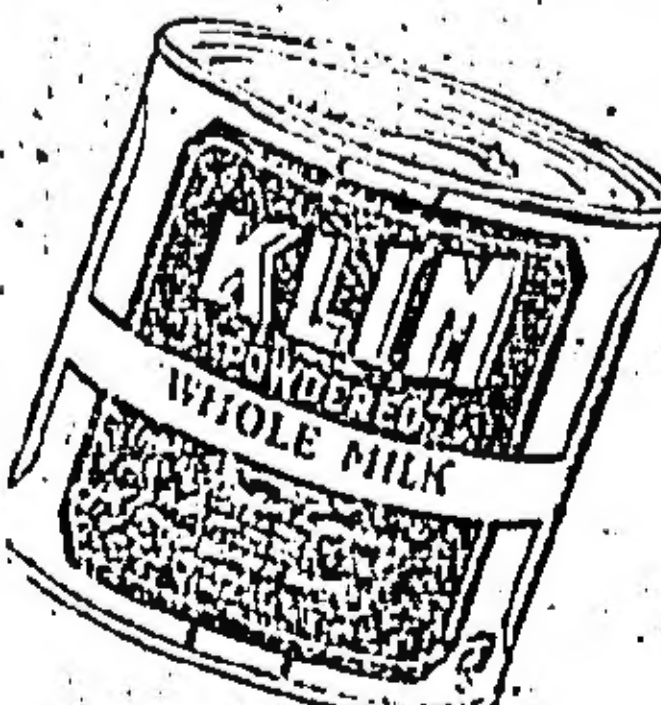
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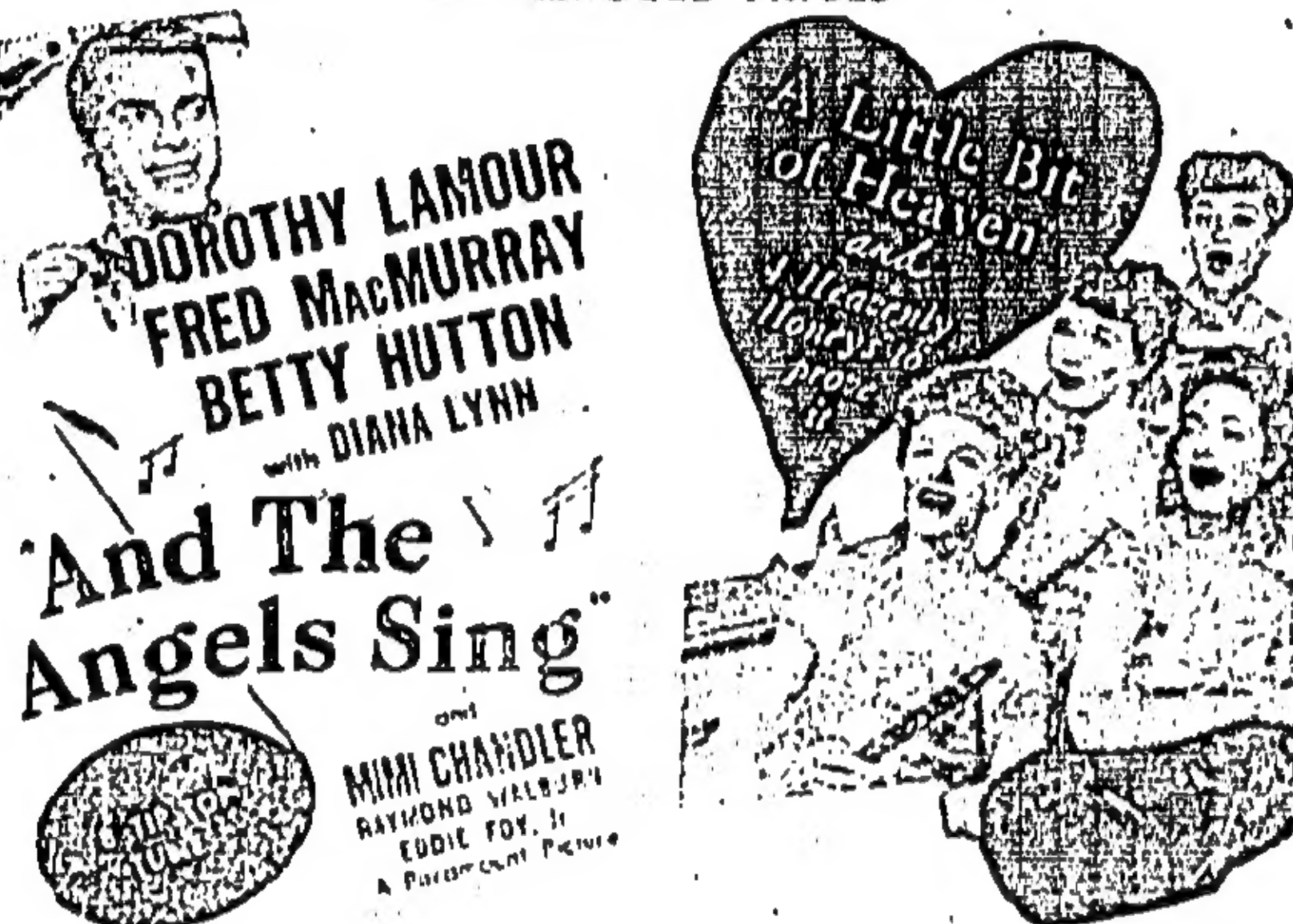
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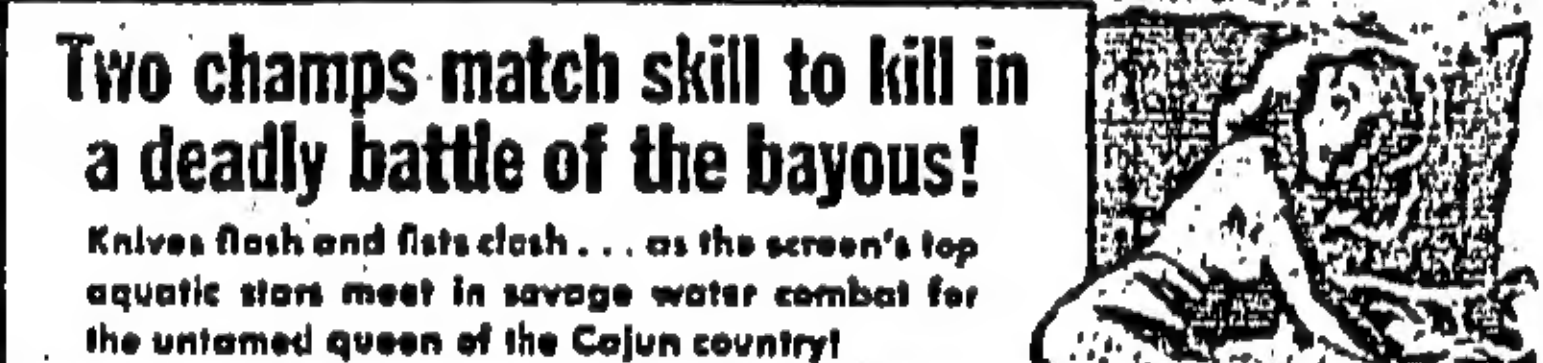


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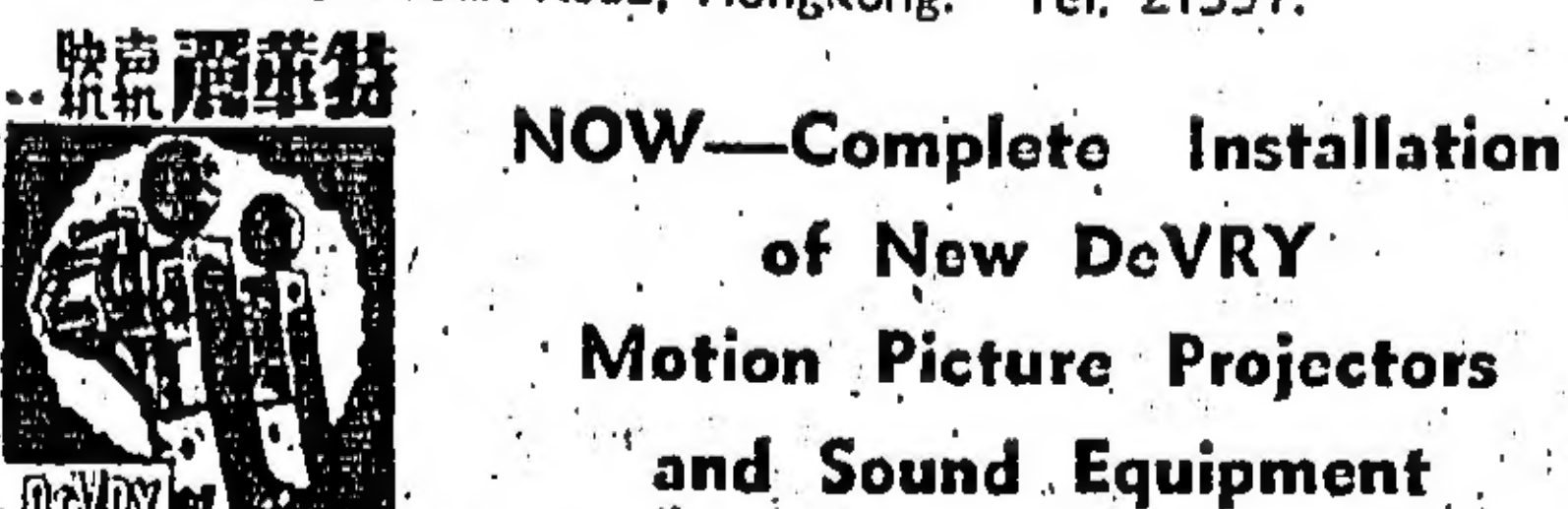
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JOAN LESLIE SELECTED FOR LEAD PART IN ENGLISH FILM

By HOWARD C. HEYN

HOLLYWOOD.—Joan Leslie, the titian-haired beauty who made 20 pictures in six years, is entering a new cycle of film stardom. Cinematically speaking, she is now an adult. Last year, Miss Leslie terminated her association with Warner Brothers studios, where she had worked since she was 15. She is now 22. Her early roles there were highly varied, including characterisations of aged women, until about two years ago.

"While I was more or less of a youngster," she related in an interview, "they (the producers) cast me as an adult. Then, when I really grew up, they began giving me juvenile roles."

Considerable litigation surrounded Miss Leslie's cancellation of her Warner Brothers contract, and the studio obtained a court injunction preventing her from accepting any film roles for 10 months.

Needs Vacation

"I guess I needed the vacation," she smiled. "In my teens (between the ages of 13 and 15) I was working steadily. There was not much time for play. So, while I was idle this past year, I went to New York and saw all the new plays, and I visited my old home in Detroit, Michigan. I had a wonderful time."

Now she is before the cameras again, at Eagle-Lion studios, in the leading role of a picture called "Repeat Performance." This is a fanciful tale of a glamorous actress wedded to a dyspeptic. She finds it necessary to end their miserable marriage by shooting her husband, but a kind fate causes her remorse by permitting them to live their last year over again. The same things happen, but in different sequence; the drunkard still gets shot, but not by his wife.

Dangerous Part

"It's a rather dangerous part," she observed, "and I thought about it for a long time before I accepted. Our portrayals must be very convincing to make this type of fantasy believable. I think it's the most interesting part I've ever had." It is certainly the most complex part, dramatically, of her career, and Miss Leslie's successful portrayal of it will mark her as a truly mature actress. With her in the cast are Louis Hayward, Tom Conway, Richard Basehart and Virginia Field.

When she finishes "Repeat Performance" Miss Leslie will go to England for the leading role opposite Stewart Granger in J. Arthur Rank's film, "Precious Bane."

First Appearance At Two

Joan Leslie, a slim girl (she's five feet, four inches tall and weighs 110 pounds) with arresting hazel eyes, first appeared on the stage in vaudeville at the age of two. In 1936, when she was 11, she got her first film part (in "Carmille"), but she returned to the vaudeville stage thereafter. Five years later, after night club singing engagements, she signed the Warner contract.

Her true name is Joan Brodel, she is unmarried, and during a film assignment she spends most of her leisure at home with her parents. Cooking is one of her special interests. She likes to read, and she speaks Spanish and French. Some of her recent pictures are "Janie Gets Married," "Rhapsody in Blue," "The Male Animal," "Sergeant York" and "High Sierra." Associated Press.

Competition For Sinatra

Clark Gable sings in "Adventure." Van Johnson warbles in "Easy to Wed." But loudest of all is Wallace Beery's belting of "No! No! Brother" in his newest picture, "Bad Bascomb," in which he co-stars with Margaret O'Brien. It is showing at the Kings.

The new picture, filmed in the heart of Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park, has Beery playing a Western bandit. The singing sequence is used when the bandit spies his partner-in-crime, J. Carroll Naish, about to desert him. The caravan they have joined to escape capture by a pursuing Federal agent.

"You almost sound like Frank Sinatra," joked little Miss O'Brien to Beery upon completion of the singing sequence.

"Just a little more solid, honey," grinned Beery.

SISTER KENNY'S STRUGGLES

Thirty-five full years in the life of the famed crusader against the dread scourge of polio, are brought to the screen in the engrossing biographical drama, "Sister Kenny," co-starring Rosalind Russell, in the role of the dynamic Australian nurse, and Alexander Knox as her faithful friend and champion, Dr. McDonnell. Dean Jagger is featured as the World War I hero Nurse Kenny could never marry.

The drama of Elizabeth Kenny covers her activities in the Australian bush, where she first encountered a case of infantile paralysis; explains the tragedy of her great romance; outlines her bitter fight for recognition by organized medical authority; shows her rebuffs and the heart-breaking discouragement which met all her efforts; and finally portrays her victory in establishing her Institute now conducted at Minneapolis.

The film comes to the Queen's next week.

The Loves Of Paganini



Stewart Granger plays the part of the famous violinist and composer, Nicolo Paganini, in the film, "The Magic Bow," which will shortly be shown at the King's Theatre. Phyllis Calvert plays the aristocratic French girl with whom he falls in love.

NEAR-FATAL ACCIDENT AS CAMERA CRASHES

A near fatal accident marked the first day's shooting on the technicolour production, "Blanche Fury," at Pinewood Studios recently. It was Scene 1 Take 3 and the star of the picture, Valerie Hobson, was being filmed in the sequence featuring an employment agency. It is here that she applies for a job as lady's companion.

Cinema Guide

SHOWING TO-DAY

QUEEN'S—How Green Was My Valley.
KING'S—Ship Ahoy.
CENTRAL—Swamp Fire.
ALHAMBRA—Frisco Sal.

NEXT CHANGE

QUEEN'S—Leave Her to Heaven.
KING'S—Bad Bascomb.
CENTRAL—Hills of Old Wyoming.
ALHAMBRA—Drums of the Congo.

spotlight

By ERNEST BETTS

CRISIS in Hollywood: Paramount and M-G-M, says a New York cable, are making, less than half the number of films they normally produce in a year (about 50) because of strikes and other labour disputes. But they're spending more on big pictures now in production—"Captain from Castile," £1,500,000; "Forever (and forever) Amber," £1,250,000; "Unconquered," (by Cecil B. DeMille), £1,125,000. Costs have gone up 75 percent, says the experts.

SISTERS in real-life, Olivia de Havilland and Joan Fontaine play as sisters in screen life for their next picture, "Written on the Wind." Henry Fonda is the lucky leading man.

GINGER ROGERS is creating a sensation on Fifth Avenue in her corinne trench coat and hat to match.

MAGIC-MAKER Jasper Maskelyne, who lost all his props and scenery in Cairo during the war, got a big parcel the other day from a Battersea Army depot, found it contained his show.

TALK of Ireland as a film centre keeps buzzing. I hear that Gormestown Castle, Co. Meath, with 225 acres of land, has been bought for film-making. Men behind it are Richard Bingham, head of Mercury Films, Ireland, and Brian Desmond Hurst, who directed most of "Caesar and Cleopatra" before he walked out. He made "Dance of the Mothlight" and the Arnhem film, "They're in the Glory."

ANN TODD's delayed-action career will jump ahead this year. She is to co-star with Lost Week-

The technicolour camera, which was being operated from the crane some 25 feet above the players, broke away from its fastenings and crashed to within a few inches of the star.

The camera and its "blimp" casing weighed over a quarter of a ton, and the sudden absence of this force caused the counter weight at the other end of the crane to swing the "blimp" upwards like a catapult and fling the 14 stone camera operator, Ernie Steward, 30 feet up to the roof of the stage. Steward turned two somersaults and crashed to the floor of the studio.

In falling he had the presence of mind to right himself and was thus able to take the full force of the impact on his shoulders. Before anybody could reach him he got to his feet but collapsed almost immediately. Fortunately his injuries were much less serious than had been expected and although in considerable pain he never lost consciousness. He is expected to leave hospital soon.

EQUIPMENT SAVED

Valerie Hobson and the unit, although badly shaken by this incident, were able to continue shooting soon afterwards, as a spare camera was available and Steward's assistant, John Godar, took over the position of camera operator.

The £10,000 camera, one of the only four technicolour cameras in Britain, was fortunately not damaged. The sturdily constructed steel "blimp" covering absorbed all the force of the crash, and thus saved an extremely valuable piece of equipment, the replacement of which would have taken two years. The long term and carefully planned scheduled list of British technicolour productions will not therefore be jeopardised.

under Ray Milland in "For Her to See" at Denham in May, and Paramount are bringing their top man Hal Wallis to make it. Ann never got anywhere till she made "The Seventh Veil." Now, with Hitchcock's "Parade Case" in Hollywood and Hal's assignment in England, she goes to town in a big way.

Glamour came across the Atlantic with the Queen-Elizabeth when Marlene Dietrich, Madeline Carroll and Margot Grahame stepped ashore. Marlene wants to add to her figure in Paris. Margot, having finished her part in "Forever Amber," is visiting her mother, Madeline, on her way to France with her French husband Henri Lavorel.

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 goodbye; Showboat. Sidney Toeh
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 (Violin) and Leslie Douglas (Vocal).

0.10 STUDIO: RECITAL BY HARRISON
0.11 TALBOT (BARITONE)
With Betty Brown at the Piano
Quando Miro quel bel ciglio (Mozart)
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you walk (Handel); Come live with
(Handel); Dream Valley (Doris Quinn)
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Because of the introduction of Summer Time in England next week and of double Summer Time in April, the BBC has cabled to ZBW stating that all overseas shortwave programmes as from March 16 must be revised. In view of this details of BBC programmes cannot be published for the time being.

The BBC has indicated that its times for news relays will remain unchanged and that, for the present, "ITMA" will continue to be relayed at the current time on Sunday. ZBW takes London news at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. every day and "ITMA" at 7.15 p.m. on Sunday.

As the BBC changes do not become effective until to-morrow, to-night's schedules remain unchanged and they are given below.

TO-NIGHT

HIT	
6.00 p.m.	My Songs for You—Maurice Krasy.
6.15 p.m.	"Hand and Doin'."
7.00 p.m.	T.H.E. NEWS.
7.15 p.m.	ITADIO RHYTHM CLUB.
7.45 p.m.	Horde.
8.30 p.m.	"Have a Go."
9.00 p.m.	T.H.E. NEWS.
9.15 p.m.	ITADIO NEWSREEL.
9.30 p.m.	ITADIO TUNES.
10.00 p.m.	ROBINSON CLEVER (THE ORGAN).
10.30 p.m.	The Road.
10.45 p.m.	SPORTS COMMENTARIES.

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By Denys Sutton

PAINTERS AND PAINTING IN POSTWAR PARIS

ONE of the most fascinating aspects of the history of the visual arts is the way in which it reveals the continuity of tradition and the manner in which artists of the same country, or at work within the same intellectual climate, are so often related by all sorts of subtle relationships and common memories.

The impression is frequently given for instance, that modern French painting is a completely revolutionary movement divorced from the main tradition of French art and without any roots in the past.

It is, of course, true that the artists of the 1900's broke fresh ground in their approach to the problems of painting, but their achievement was in many ways the outcome of the artistic struggles of the previous generation.

Impressionism, with its solution of the depiction of light and atmosphere in terms of colour, may be said to have closed one chapter of European painting. If painters were to do more than repeat a formula, a new departure was essential. Cézanne and Seurat, with their researches into the nature of form, and Van Gogh and Gauguin, with their theory of colour as a symbolical force, provided the basis for the evolution of this approach which manifested itself as Fauvism (1905) and Cubism (1906).

Two Wings

TO-DAY, indeed, when we look at these two wings of the modern movement at a distance of almost fifty years, they appear not only as a necessary reaction against a style which had already become mannered—Impressionism—but as the next and inevitable stage in the development of European painting. Fauvism and Cubism are already historic movements. What has come to replace them in French painting? How have French painters developed the premises established by the Fauves and the Cubists? What new paths have they taken? This is not the place to enlarge on the various movements—Purism, Expressionism, Conservatism, Realism—which have appeared since then, except to say that none of them has equalled, let alone surpassed, Fauvism and Cubism, but only to indicate some of the trends and tendencies that appear in French painting at the moment.

It is clear that the 'Old Masters' of the Ecole de Paris are still working with unabated vigour. This does not mean that they have been content to repeat themselves or to evolve in the direction of academicism. Far from it. Their painting is as daring and original, if not more so, as that of many of their young contemporaries. They have not remained stationary, but have enriched their painting during the war years.

PLAYS PIANO FOR HIS FOOD

The Woodrow Andersons, of Ardmore, Ohio, have a canine musical genius in Topper, their scruffy Boston bulldog.

Topper has learned the best way to get fed quickly is to jump on the piano stool, place his front paws on the keys and make some noise.

The only catch to this is that occasionally Topper gets hungry in the middle of the night, and the Andersons are awakened by a furious plink-plank-plink. It keeps up until one of them gets up and feeds the dog, says United Press.

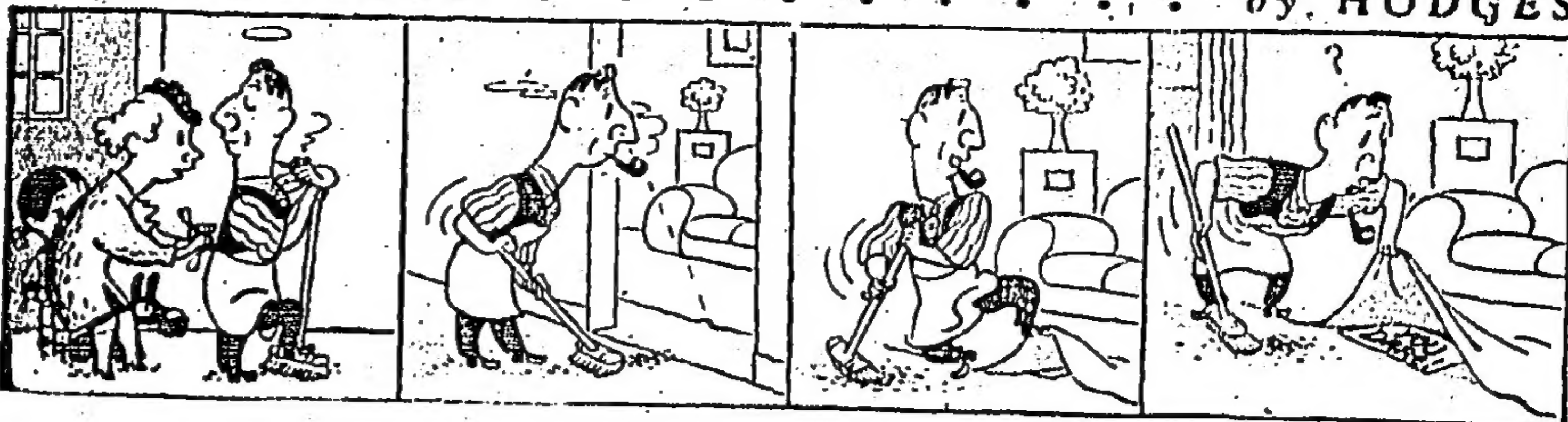
SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Mark my words, Morton, we're heading for a depression today! only added three names to our waiting list!"

THE PARKERS



What we need is a war with Mars

By W. J. BROWN
INDEPENDENT M.P.

IT seems to be almost a law of life that internal cohesion is only achieved as the result of external pressure.

Thus, when a man is having a row with his wife, the one sure way to stop the row is for some third party to butt in.

Then both of the contending parties will turn on the interloper with the utmost ferocity, their own quarrel completely forgotten in mutual resentment at the interference from without.

BUT WHO WINS?

SO with a country: It may be, given by class antagonisms rent by religious or political feuds. But if at such a moment some foreign Power should conceive that this is the opportunity it has long awaited, and should declare war, then overnight a passionate national unity will supersede the class, political or religious divisions.

God Save the King will replace (say) the Red Flag. Tories and Communists—well, perhaps not the Communists—it depends on the line dictated by Moscow—Tories and Socialists will embrace each other, employers and trade union leaders will clasp hands of friendship—all partisan quarrels forgotten in the upsurge of enthusiasm for teaching that other nation precisely where it gets off.

Unfortunately for the second example I have quoted, however, all wars in these modern days whether they are won or lost, hopelessly impoverish the combatant nation. This exacerbates internal divisions once the threat from without is removed.

And it is apparently useless to proclaim the truth that whichever side wins, the mass of the people will be worse off than ever and will look back from under the dictator's eye of Right or Left with envious ships to older and milder regimes.

POWER BALANCE

MOREOVER, between nations, wars raise more problems than they solve.

The last war destroyed a German hegemony of the Continent only to replace it by a Russian one. It "saved the Empire"—only at the cost of leaving us too weak and too hard up to retain it; so that it is now being driven away with both hands.

The war has precipitated a new Power distribution in the world which has thrown up more apparently insoluble problems than existed in 1919. And so nations which were lately allies cast suspicious eyes on each other.

But to-day the consequences of conflict, whether internal or international are much worse than at any previous time.

BETTER BOMBS

FORMERLY in internal politics Liberals could beat Conservatives or Conservatives defeat Liberals without any frightfully shattering results. But to-day, if Right beats Left, or Left beats Right—then, in Hitler's graphic and picturesque phrase: "Heads will roll."

I have little more than six months to live

And I write this article to enable others to escape my fate

RON came to my house in Hayes, Middlesex, a few days before Christmas. When I opened the door, I could tell there was something wrong. Ron is a lad of 24, a clever young draughtsman. He was, I knew, engaged to be married to a fine girl.

When he came into my house I was shocked by his appearance. His face was drawn and haggard.

"Bill, I've had it," he said. "For some time past he has been catching colds very frequently, and after he had been down with slight pleurisy, his doctor had sent him for an X-ray."

"I've just come back from the clinic," he told me. "I have a slight spot of T.B. on the top part of my right lung."

'This is the end'

He rambled on, brokenly: "I suppose this means the end of everything I had planned, Peggy and I, my job, my future, everything."

Then, more wildly, he continued: "I've got a few pounds saved up for my marriage. I'm not going to wait for the end in bed in some sanatorium. I'm going to have a damn good time with my £200 before I hand in my checks."

Now Ron knew as much about pulmonary tuberculosis as the average person.

"I let him finish, then I spoke to him quietly for a long time. Tuberculosis, I told him, was not necessarily a killing disease. Nine out of ten people with T.B. in the form that he had it recovered after treatment, and went on their way through life perfectly normal people."

"You are extremely lucky—that your trouble has been diagnosed at an early stage," I told him. "If you go into a sanatorium and co-operate 100 per cent. with the doctors treating you, you should be out cured and back at work within six months."

If he did have to have his lung collapsed, which I imagined was doubtful, the act of collapsing it was far less painful than having a tooth out and nearly as quick.

I began to give him some practical advice:—

"Part of your treatment will be graduated exercises. As your condition improves, you will be allowed up for longer periods each week and told to go for gradually extended walks."

Obey the doctor

"If your doctor tells you to get up for two hours and have a ten-minute walk, don't remain up three hours and go for a 20-minute walk. You will be giving your doctor no earthly chance to help you."

"Don't sit up writing letters or playing cards during your rest period. There is a very good reason for your doctor insisting that you be completely prone during these periods."

"When you are in full grade and perhaps allowed out—don't go into the village pub for a drink. I have known men undo months of careful treatment by just one visit to a pub."

"When you have been discharged don't consider you are necessarily finally rid of T.B."

"Whether you completely consolidate the cure depends on the care you take of yourself for the next two years at least."

Try to rest

"Whatever else you do, try to squeeze in at least one rest period during the day, even if it means using half your lunch hour, and completely relax."

"Don't go pubbing. The atmosphere is poisonous to you at this stage. Keep out of cinemas as much as possible."

"If you have a slight temperature or cold, lie up immediately."

"Follow these simple rules and soon you will be able to give the inverted V sign to Messrs. Tubercle Bacilli once and for all."

Our talk that evening was long, but it was worth it. The human tragedy that came to my door went away, a being inspired again with hope and the determination to live.

For each side liquidates or immobilises its political opponents by the weapons of judicial murder or the concentration camp.

And if international war should come, there is the new and appalling weapon of the atom bomb to reckon with. The atom bomb of the future will be incomparably more destructive than the one which on the instant wiped out 100,000 people in Hiroshima.

And yet, in spite of all the mass of evidence that civil strife always ends in tyranny, and that any new war will probably end in the annihilation of the patient earth that bears us, the internal politics of many countries and the international conferences of the Powers alike suggest that we are hellbent upon doom.

ALL CHANGE!

WHAT then can save us? The need is clear. What is wanted is a declaration of Mars of war upon the Earth.

Once the declaration of war reached the Earth everything would be changed "in the twinkling of an eye."

Mr Churchill would at once cease to be in Russian eyes "a Fascist beast" and become again the heaven-inspired defender of the liberties of the planet. Stalin would no longer be the "bloody minded successor of

the Tsars"—he would become the embodiment of the martial spirit of "our noble Russian Allies." The Americans would cease to be the British "those damned Yanks," and the British would cease to be to the Americans the artful offspring of unmarried parents. All would be concord and harmony!

Complaints about Mr. Stalin keeping five million Russians under arms would give place to admiration for his uncanny foresight in so doing. Russian alarm at the atom bomb would be replaced by admiration for their wonderful weapon.

The Germans, re-admitted to the community of nations, would recover from the stupor of defeat and jump at the chance of retrieving past shame by new glories.

EVEN FRANCO.

NO nation would try to prevent any other from affiliating to Uno, which organisation would at once become a world reality.

Even Franco, lately regarded as a complete outsider, would be regarded as "at any rate an Earth man."

Internally, we should stop nationalising things and start to make them work. Rationing would be borne without complaint; high taxation welcomed; overtime become popular again.

As the news of the successful resistance to the Martians began to come in from various parts of the Earth, the Press and radio of the different countries, so lately at odds with one another, would be full of complimentary references to the martial exploits of other countries.

The Russian Press would ring with praise of Franco's Moors, the Germans extol "those wonderful Frenchmen." Even in the American Press there would be occasional references to the exploits of the British.

WORTH TRYING

BUT—you object—there is no ultimatum from Mars, no interplanetary declaration of war. That, however, is not really necessary. All that is necessary is that the peoples of the Earth should believe that there is.

They are—as all history shows—so credulous that there ought to be no real difficulty in inducing them to believe this. In the totalitarian countries a simple announcement would suffice, coupled with an official statement that any disbeliever would be treated as high treason. In the democracies the thing would take a little more arranging, but our wartime training in the making of propaganda should help.

The thing is worth trying. The prize to be won is very big. Pettifogg objections, from whatever quarter, should be sternly overruled.

Let us go to it!

PENTATHLON WITHOUT HORSES

The modern pentathlon, based on selection of an all-around athletic at the ancient Greek Olympic games, may undergo a radical change in the 1948 Olympics.

If so, blame it on the war for mechanising the horse cavalry. One of the five contests in the pentathlon is equestrian, and traditionally the host country supplies the 50 trained horses, usually available from the nation's cavalry regiments.

But the British organising committee, finding the Royal Cavalry is now mounted in scout cars and tanks instead of on horses, reported it is "examining the position in regard to this event to see if any modification will have to be made."

Even without horses, the pentathlon will be held from July 31 to August 5. The other events included in the competition are cross-country running, shooting, fencing and swimming. The last two will be held at Wembley arena, shooting at Bisley, in Surrey, and running near London.

G. Haudrick of Germany won the pentathlon in the 1935 Olympics, breaking the monopoly of Sweden, which had triumphed in five previous games.—Associated Press.

KIANGSI TEA GROWERS IN DIFFICULTIES

The provincial government of Kiangsi has asked the Central Government for a loan of \$2,000,000,000 (Chinese currency) as relief funds for the province's tea plantations, which are facing bankruptcy as a result of shrunken tea exports, reports Associated Press quoting informed sources.

The Kiangsi government also is considering a request to the UNRRA for large quantities of commodities, including daily necessities to help the tea-growers rehabilitate their failing plantations.

The same sources said the total production of Kiangsi's tea plantations last year was 12,250 cases, of which almost one-third are still stored in Shanghai warehouses awaiting orders from foreign importers.

Kiangsi is one of the most important tea-growing provinces in China, with more than 50 helen engaged in tea cultivation. Before the war the province boasted more than 1,500,000 mow of tea fields which, with the tea plantations in southern Anhwei, made up China's tea industry.

Bessemer Visits Steel City

Alan Bessemer, British war hero, has finally seen the American "Steel City" his family helped to build.

The 24-year-old flyer said he had waited since he was 14 to visit Pittsburgh.

His family in 1937 decided that young Bessemer should go to the United States and enter Carnegie Institute of Technology. His application for admission was accepted in 1940. But wartime restrictions forced him to cancel his plans.

Then he worked in an aeroplane plant, and later joined the RAF and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Even after the war, shipping difficulties continued to plague him. Finally, he was able to book passage on a liner and arrived in Pittsburgh two days before the opening of Carnegie Tech's autumn term.—United Press.

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What Intuition Can Do

SHOULD a husband fume when his wife bids two no-trumps on a perilously weak hand just because she "had a feeling"? Or when she backs an outsider, Slowcoach (which wins, too), because "something told her to"?

There are many responsible psychiatrists who say that she is genuinely experiencing a woman's intuition. They not only recognise this quality, but describe it as an important and different feminine characteristic.

The key to this study lies in a statement by a clinical psychiatrist, Helene Deutsch, which was recently reported in B. J. Kidd's book, "Just like a Woman."

Dr. Deutsch claims that women outshine men in having "greater" propensities to identification and stronger fantasy, subjectivity, inner perception and intuition.

DAY DREAMS

Boys and girls, according to B. J. Kidd's book, like to identify themselves in their day dreams with outside objects. A boy's choice is simple. He becomes, for a moment, a successful general or dashing sportsman. The greater directness of his sex leads him naturally towards realism and the conquering of his environment.

A girl, with her more passive future role, remains turned inward. She dare not take the risks of a show-down that are inherent in the pranks of a boy but becomes accustomed to gauging other people's reaction. In other words, she tries to learn and understand how other people's minds work, and after a while, in a greater or lesser degree, she finds herself actually experiencing other people's mental experiences.

A woman's intuition is believed to function in this order:

First, the subject detects, more or less unconsciously, some slight clue in her present experience—a fleeting change of expression or variation of tone; a certain pattern of meaning in words she hears.

Secondly, her mind fits this clue into some thought pattern she has experienced before, either in fantasy or in fact.

Thirdly, her mind races ahead of normal reasoning processes and produces a conclusion based on the original clue.

This theory, if accepted, answers many riddles of feminine characteristics. For instance, it seems to explain the annoying habit women have of answering questions before they have been fully asked. It may account for the common statement that women lead fuller emotional lives than men.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS PARTY FROCK

By Caroline Fox

DRESSING up for a party is a heart-warming, eye-gladdening institution that is coming into its own again.

One woman may decide to expend several hundred dollars on a new-as-to-night evening dress—and count them well spent on its morale-raising qualities.

Another may tenderly unfold pre-war gowns from tissue paper and moth balls, and wonder how to revive them.

Yet another—driven to desperation—may tear down the Nottingham lace curtains, and if they do not crumple in the hand, may convert them into a fetching frock.

So, for every woman, there are the facts and fancies of evening fashions:

For young girls—Airy, fairy-tale frocks of net, tulle, organdie or cotton voile, with swirling skirts, light little bodices, short sleeves.

In the pale, rain-washed colours of a spring day, with flowers on the shoulders or skirts. But, please, not in the hair as well.

Grand manner

For the elegant thirties.—Bouffant ball-gowns in the grand manner in stiffened faille or satin, with either an off-the-shoulder decolletage, or a bodice that buttons up to the throat with the modesty of Charlotte Bronte.

Mostly in black, worn with long black gloves, but lovely in iridescent jewel colours, too.

Also, deceptively simple dinner dresses of crepe or jersey, draped round hip and bosom and only for slender figures.

For the sophisticated forties.—

Dinner dresses in black crepe or velvet, beautifully discreet, with cap sleeves or long sleeves, and slashed to a surprisingly deep V at the front—and sometimes at the back, too.

Dull surfaced crepes, muted colours, draperies in moderation, and highlights of embroidery in jet and sequins are perfect for 40-and-over.

Hobble skirts

Fun Fashions from London and Paris that any woman can adapt to her own needs—a silken moss rose on the shoulder, a matching moss rose on a small muff... a trail of white convolvulus from shoulder to waist... a glittering brooch, a cameo or an original button worn on a black velvet band around the throat, another at the wrist...

A length of deep hand-made lace to dress up a simple frock, worn as a berthe collar or a flared peplum, tied with black ribbons.

Freak Fashions (their short life is sweet only on the right, rare figures)—hundredcheek skirts, calf-length, with pointed edges... ballet-length



The two most important lines for evening—the full-skirted ball gown in the grand manner, and the subtly draped dinner dress.

skirts, immensely full, and worn with heel-less sandals... hobble skirts that are a generation out of date... dresses with one long sleeve and one bare shoulder, a half-and-half fashion that is half-ugly, half-silly.

Eye-brights—the girl who went on from theatre to a party, exquisitely dressed for both.

At the theatre she wore a brief, fitted jacket of black wool with glittering sequin embroidery across shoulders and around the neck, over a slender, nothing-to-crease-while-sitting, black crepe skirt.

At the party she took off the jacket, revealed an exquisitely simple black crepe dress, wore it with long black gloves and a gilded flower spray.

The girl who knew just how to dress at a country party. She wore a full skirt of scarlet crepe, a blouse of white crepe beautifully tucked down the front, and with a tiny tucked ruffle around the throat. Teamed it with a scarlet jacket embroidered with jet beads.

Every woman who knows that restraint is the keynote of evening elegance; that the eye can focus on one piece of jewellery, but is distracted by a bevy of brilliants; that a well-burnished, undecorated head can top in chic the most towering edifice of flower and feather and net and jewel and kitchen stove.

And Eye-Sores—the girl who degraded a beautiful dress by dopping it with a tweed coat. Better make an evening coat or cape out of black-out cloth or patchwork scraps.

The girl who took film stars too seriously and festooned herself with ostrich feathers. If they cannot be taken with restraint, films are best left in the cinema and ostrich feathers on the ostrich's back.

LOVE QUIZ

Allow 5 marks for answering marked (a), 3 marks for those marked (b), and one mark only for (c). If your score is 50 or over, we feel sure we have wedding bells ringing in our ears.

If you can't make it more than 35, we'd say, wait a bit, the love scales haven't stopped rocking yet. If you make it only 20 or under, he's definitely NOT your man.

- If you see him dancing with another girl, prettier than you, do you:
 - Feel like murdering her?
 - Wonder if friends are pitying you?
 - Keep a smile "at the ready" for that dark boy over there?
- When you bump into him unexpectedly round a corner, do you:
 - Feel your heart beating in your throat like a hammer on an anvil?
 - Wish you'd got on your new flower hat?
 - Wait for him to get out of the way?
- If he doesn't ring you, do you:
 - Sit all evening by the telephone with a damp handkerchief screwed up in your hand?
 - Call up somebody else?
 - Forget he even promised to, and wash your hair?
- If he doesn't hold your hand in a cinema, do you:
 - Feel so miserable you can't enjoy the film?
 - Fidget about till he's forced to, to keep you quiet?
 - Think, "Thank goodness, it makes me hot and sticky anyway."
- If your young brother hangs round you both the whole day, do you:
 - Think up every excuse under the sun to get him out of the way?
 - Encourage him by laughing at his antics?
 - Not notice that he is there?
- When he asks you home to meet his mother, do you:
 - Wear your loveliest frock and your party manners?
 - Think, "What a bore—she's sure to be an old crab!"
 - Telephone an excuse at the last minute.
- When he explains carefully all the facts of democracy, do you:
 - Listen eagerly, and think he ought to be Prime Minister?
 - Wish he would talk about you?
 - Powder your nose and think what a bore he'll be when he's forty?
- While he's making love to you, do you:
 - Want him to go on for ever?
 - Get a crick in your neck?
 - Keep wondering when dinner will be served?
- When he stops to look at the diamond rings in a jeweller's window, do you:
 - Know exactly the one you want to put on your finger?
 - Remember that Bill-of-yesterday could have afforded a far better and bigger one?
 - Think how childish he looks when he gets excited?
- If you've arranged to meet him on the ferry pier at three, do you:
 - Arrive at quarter to, and by then fear he's fallen off the end?
 - Get there on time, but with a girl friend in tow?
 - Stalk on at half past three, in a bad humour?
- Should he, spill cigarette ash all over your carpet, do you:
 - Sigh dreamily and think, "How marvellous—it's his ash!"
 - Push ash trays around meaningfully?
 - Think what a messy toad he is?

Home Hints

If new tinware is rubbed with lard and heated in the oven before it is used, it will not rust afterwards.

When baking small cakes or buns, flour the tins instead of greasing them. The cakes will not stick to the tins, and will bake quite as well.

The best iron-stand is a brick. It is better than the usual open stand, because it is a non-conductor of heat, and consequently an iron placed upon it, retains its heat longer when placed upon one.

INSTEAD of chopping raisins (which is hard work, the skins being tough), try clipping the raisins with scissors instead.

"LEFT over" cold starch, mixed with fine bathbrick and a little household soap to a stiff paste, will provide you with an inexpensive and safe "scourer" for aluminium and enamelled ware and cutlery.

SAVE all odds and ends of toilet soap. Melt them down in an old pan. When the mixture cools, but before it hardens, it can be shaped into a cake that will serve next time you wash silk stockings or gloves.

TO make neglected leather straps pliable again, soak them for an hour in warm soapy water. Hang them up to dry, and afterwards polish with brown boot polish.

COLD tea rubbed on varnished furniture will give it a brilliant polish.

GREASE stains on a stove should be wiped off immediately with newspaper. Before cleaning the stove rub the stain with a cloth dipped in turpentine.

RIBBONS which are creased and shabby-looking should be well brushed, dampened, and ironed between sheets of thin paper.

Red noses and blue toeses

Letter from London

I WISH to record the remark I made to my husband on the 14th day of February, this year of Disgrace 1947.

Our fuel, ordered nearly four months ago, had arrived. We had been nine weeks without any, and, sisters, was it cold. Nevertheless, I wish to put on record for future generations that I did not say immediately: "Now we shall be warm," but, in effect: "Now we shall be clean." For what I said was: "Praise God, now we can have a bath."

I suppose most women feel as I do these days—fighting between hysterical bursts of laughter and the desire to jump off a high bridge.

MY NEIGHBOUR

I walk into my kitchen and find my neighbour in her pyjamas and dressing-gown, her hair on end, up late, and having plunged through the ice to boil her husband's breakfast tea on my flicker of gas.

A lady arrives at the door hugging two interesting looking bottles which cheer me enormously. It turns out she only wants to borrow some water—and she gives me the astonishing information that "She and her husband have to bath in a saucupan of water."

He being 6ft. high, I digest this extraordinary statement. Then the phone goes. I proceed to pour out to my friend that nobody but a family of polar bears could really be comfortable in my house, when she says she has a wonderful way to get warm. It turns out there is a snag in it.

You have to get fibrositis first, in your shoulder! Then it seems you can go to a clinic three times a week and lie under a beautiful heater, which warms you all over till you feel like a slice of toast.

SOUNDS WONDERFUL

It sounds wonderful—but how does one get fibrositis?

Perhaps all this sounds light-hearted. I do not feel so. It is not easy to see much light in this new world of darkening England. And all of us face the appalling fact that the future may yet hold worse.

But we are still the Great White Race, if you'll overlook the red noses and blue toeses. England will no doubt muddle out of this, as she has muddled out of everything, so helping her God!

If there is a light we are ourselves kindling it. I have seen it shine in my own limited horizon. In my own street—women tired out, worried to death nursing the sick among us, shopping for the handicapped, and even lending coal from their own meagre store.

I have seen a compassion and kindness, a sharing and bearing of burdens which is enough to make one say, in one's heart of hearts: "England, with all thy faults, I nearly love thee still!" Maybe in Heaven some day the women of England will recognise each other by their particularly long wings.

TAILPIECE

It is 100 years hence. The scene is a museum in America. Buddy Johnnie, chewing gum, is being shown around by Momma, chomping chocolate.

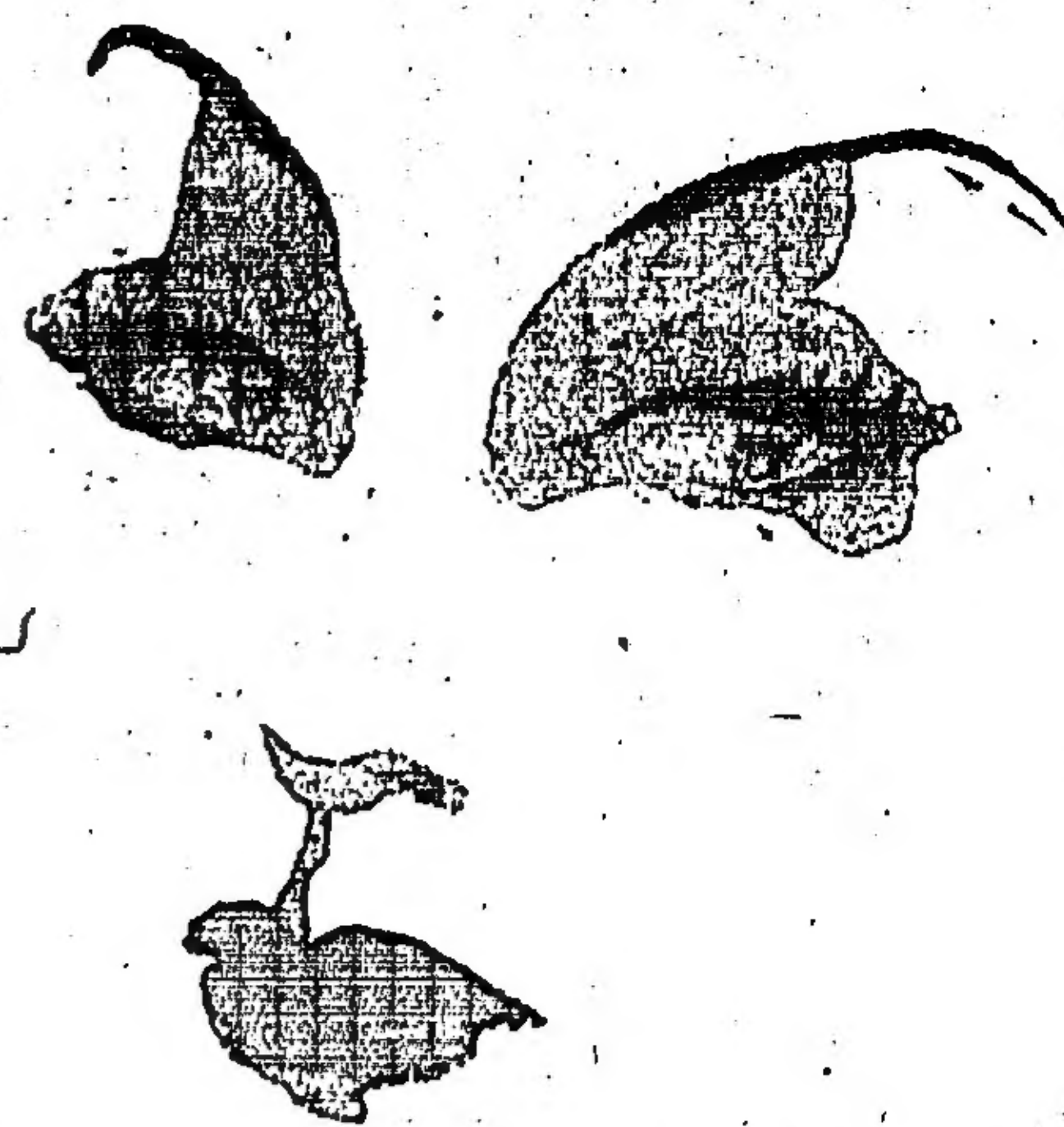
Sandwiched between the brontosaurus and a prehistoric fish, there is a strange, wizened-looking skeleton, the forehead bones a mass of wrinkles, the backbone so bent that it is difficult to see whether the thing walked on two legs or crept on all fours.

"What's that, Momma?" "That was a Briton, honey. They lived away across the sea."

"Are there no Britons now, Momma?" "No, honey. A queer thing happened—they all went raving mad suddenly and, gee, we had to go over and shoot 'em."

"Yes, all." "Gee, Momma, he's a strange-looking skeleton!" "It's not a he, honey. The women had taken the men had only begun to wobble at the knees. Come, Sonny, let's go and eat."

FEY HAWKE.



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THE CHANGING LINE OF WOMEN'S SUITS

Every new collection of fashions in Britain seems to underline the fact that the line of women's suits is changing radically. Jackets are getting longer—sometimes to three-quarter length; in fact, there is a return to the more formal line of 1910.

Skirts worn with these, of course, will be straight; any fullness would spoil the line. But there is an interesting corollary to this. It means that hats must change if this silhouette becomes popular, that blouses must become much more feminine, that high-heeled shoes must be worn.

In short, the neat, functional, semi-masculine line, which for years has dominated the tailored suit for women, will disappear. In turn, this is likely to have its influence on every other fashion. Hair styles, certainly, must fall into line and it is probable that afternoon dresses and evening wraps will become less simple.

As one of London's leading designers, Victor Stiebel, remarked the other day, "A great many 'freak' fashions are likely to be seen before the upheaval of the last seven years, and I am willing to bet that we shall see some really dreadful clothes, which will produce do-

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It's Fun Finding Out

by

BERNARD WICKSTEED

I HAVE been studying ichthyology, something I might never have done had I not spent two years of the war navigating a Beaufighter piloted by a Falmouth tobacconist.

We have just had a reunion, my pilot and I, and what do you suppose we talked about? Air battles and prangs? The party in the mess when old So-and-so pulled out a gun and shot at flies on the ceiling?

No, we hardly got round to these subjects because our time was fully occupied talking about guppies.

And guppies, you'll find, cannot be lightly dismissed. Among other things they help to explain why rehabilitation has presented no problems to Mr. A. B. "Len" Harvey, my old pilot.

In fact, it is through the guppy that he has changed, without trouble, from being a D.S.O. pilot and member of the Goldfish Club (you have to have ditched in the sea to get in) to no less a figure than the founder and president of the Cornwall Aquarist and Pond Breeders' Association.

He is also able to boast that, so far as he knows, every guppy in Cornwall is descended from the original pair he brought back to his tobacconist's shop when he was demobbed last March.

Personally I had never heard of a guppy before, and perhaps some of you haven't either, so I'll explain right away that it's a small tropical fish that gets its name from a man in the West Indies who sent some to the British Museum in 1860.

His family was originally French and named Goupil, which they pronounced Goopy, but when they moved to the West Indies they found that everyone called them Guppy. So they took the name on, and except for occasional throw-backs the Goupils have been Guppies ever since.

However, it is the guppy fish and not the Goopy family that interests Harvey and me, and considering that they're only as big as a finger or so long and that you can buy one for 5d., it's surprising how popular they are.

If you saw a publication called the G.B.S. Year Book, for instance, would you think it had something to do with George Bernard Shaw? Mr. Harvey and I know better than that. We know it is the handbook of the Guppy Breeders' Society.

Then there is the current issue of the Aquarist, edited by Mr. A. Fraser-Burner, a scientist at the British Museum. This is a special guppy number with a coloured supplement showing 16 guppies of ideal colour and dimension.

There's also a strip cartoon in it featuring Gussie the Guppy, and several announcements of forthcoming guppy shows.

About a name

ALL this, mind you, about a fish that doesn't even get a mention in the Oxford Dictionary—not under its English name, anyway. There's guppe, guppe, g'up, guppy and gup, but they're all contractions of "get up," which is not a fish but something you say to a horse. So, just that I should know more what he was talking about next time we have a reunion, I accompanied the Cornish aquarist, alias Flight-Lieutenant Harvey, on a tour of his contacts in London.

The first man we called on was Mr. R. G. Mealand, who is a plumber in Putney. He's reckoned as a kingpin among guppy breeders and holds the G.C.B. (Gold Guppy Badge). There is only one higher honour left and that is the G.G.B., or Gold Jewelled Guppy Badge.



You can't keep a good guppy down

He has what he calls a fish house at the bottom of the garden. It is rather like a greenhouse (with plumbing by Mealand), but instead of plants inside he's got about 50 heated aquaria—or tanks as we aquarists call them.

About age

THAT'S where he spends most of his spare time. His wife, he says, is not so interested in fish as he is. Guppies don't lay eggs. They give birth to their young alive. Mr. Mealand bred one once that had 120 at a birth.

Their expectation of life varies with the temperature of the water you keep them in. At 65 to 75 degrees they ought to live three years. If the water is warmer than that they live a much faster life and consequently die sooner, just like the rest of us. They eat fish food which you buy in shops and also little live things called daphniae that can be caught with a net in ponds and static water tanks. They'll also eat eggs for breakfast. Eggs of other fish of course, as they don't lay any of their own.

Guppies are popular for many reasons. Some people, like Mr. Mealand, get pleasure out of breeding new varieties. Others like to keep them for the beauty of their rainbow colouring.

There are several scientists who breed them in order to study heredity, and thousands have been released in places where there is malaria, because they eat mosquito larvae. Before guppies got their present name they were called rainbow or millions fish. Even the scientists took some time to agree on a name for them.

The British called them Girardinus guppyi and the Germans something else, and it wasn't until 1913 that they hit on Lebiaes reticulatus which made everyone happy.

Male guppies are much smaller than females, though they are better coloured. Recent breeding has tended to make them even smaller, and there is now a movement to make the males bigger and the females brighter.

With this end in view one guppy breeder has offered to put up a challenge cup for the biggest male guppy of the year.

Now then, how do you tell the difference between a good guppy and a bad one? First of all they have to be the right shape in the body (15 marks).

Then there's the tail, which is most important. Six different tail shapes are allowed—spear, lyre, upper-sword, lower-sword, double-sword and round (30 marks).

The fins, or finnage, as we say, score 15, the colour 30 and the condition of the fish 10, making a possible 100 for the perfect guppy. Experiments have shown that the male recognises the female by sight and not smell.

In fact, a susceptible gentleman guppy was found to show interest in the shadowed silhouette of a lady guppy.

The maximum distance at which a female can exert any lure on a male is 5,000 inches, which is just about the distance he can see.

About bubbles

FROM Mr. Mealand's Putney fish house we went to one in a North London back garden that is kept by Mr. H. J. D. Dunbar, an analytical chemist in the paint business.

But Mr. Dunbar has rather gone off guppies lately. He's become much more interested in the bubble-nesters. Bubble-nesters lay eggs and are quite a different type of tropical fish. They come from Siam and China and places like that.

As you can guess from the name they make a nest by blowing sticky bubbles which cling together on the top of the water. The male pushes the female into it and won't let her out till she's laid her eggs.

About imports

BESIDES being one of the foremost breeders of the bubble-nesters, Mr. Dunbar is the honorary secretary of the Federation of British Aquatic Societies, which is now trying to persuade the Government to lift the import ban on tropical fish.

He says that if this was done we might be able to capture the world's guppy, and bubble-nester markets formerly held by the Germans.

Well, that's all I know about guppies at the moment, but I hope to know much more soon because, what do you think? I've bought a tank and some guppies myself to see if they'll settle my rehabilitation problems.

ANTI-FRANCO UNDERGROUND

By Carl Hartman

AFTER more than 10 years during which Generalissimo Francisco Franco's government has punished political opposition as "military rebellion," the clandestine underground forces continue to fight against his rule in a conspiratorial atmosphere of false names, hidden mimeographs and sudden police raids.

An outline of how one clandestine group operates is shown by a copy of a letter from the "Union of Free Intellectuals (Union de Intelectuales Libres—U.I.L.)" to Jose Giral, until recently Prime Minister of the Spanish Republican Government-in-Exile.

This document has by now undoubtedly reached the hands of the Franco authorities.

The U.I.L. claims to be an all-party anti-Franco group, and although its literature closely follows the Communist line, diplomats who have met some of its representatives say it contains spokesmen of other parties, too.

How System Works

The letter to Giral explains: "Our organization adopts, in general terms, the following system. Each section covers a university district (Spain has 12 universities) and is led by a superior council. Under its direction are local councils in those provincial capitals whose importance require them. The level below this is the group, with a chairman and secretary. The group is divided into sub-groups which contact the chairman or secretary through their chiefs.

"Maximum rigour is practised in the use of pseudonyms and such indispensable measures of security as the avoidance of over-large meetings and extensive acquaintanceships not required by the activities of the organization. No regular afternoon meetings in cafes, no personal acquaintances and no sporadic jumping from level to level. Everything is completely arranged down to discussions by every member of fundamental problems, with constant use of the right of criticism by all members. Within the measures of security required by clandestine activity, the Democratic norms are scrupulously observed."

2,000 Members

The organization claims to have enrolled 2,000 active members in its six years of work. Its purpose is to unite "all Spaniards in the intellectual professions" who want to overthrow Franco and restore the Republic.

The U.I.L. represents one type of underground activity. Some clandestine organizations have more direct contact with guerrilla groups, and others try to form military cadres and collect arms against the day when they can rise against the government. The Communist party especially urges help to the guerrillas and the formation of a "National Resistance Council" to direct the resistance.

In the Barcelona area, police recently arrested at least 70 alleged members of the "Agrupacion de Fuerzas Armadas de la Republica Espanola" (Grouping of Armed Forces of the Spanish Republic) usually known from its initials as AFARE. In Tarragona, a cache of arms, ammunition and dynamite was confiscated.

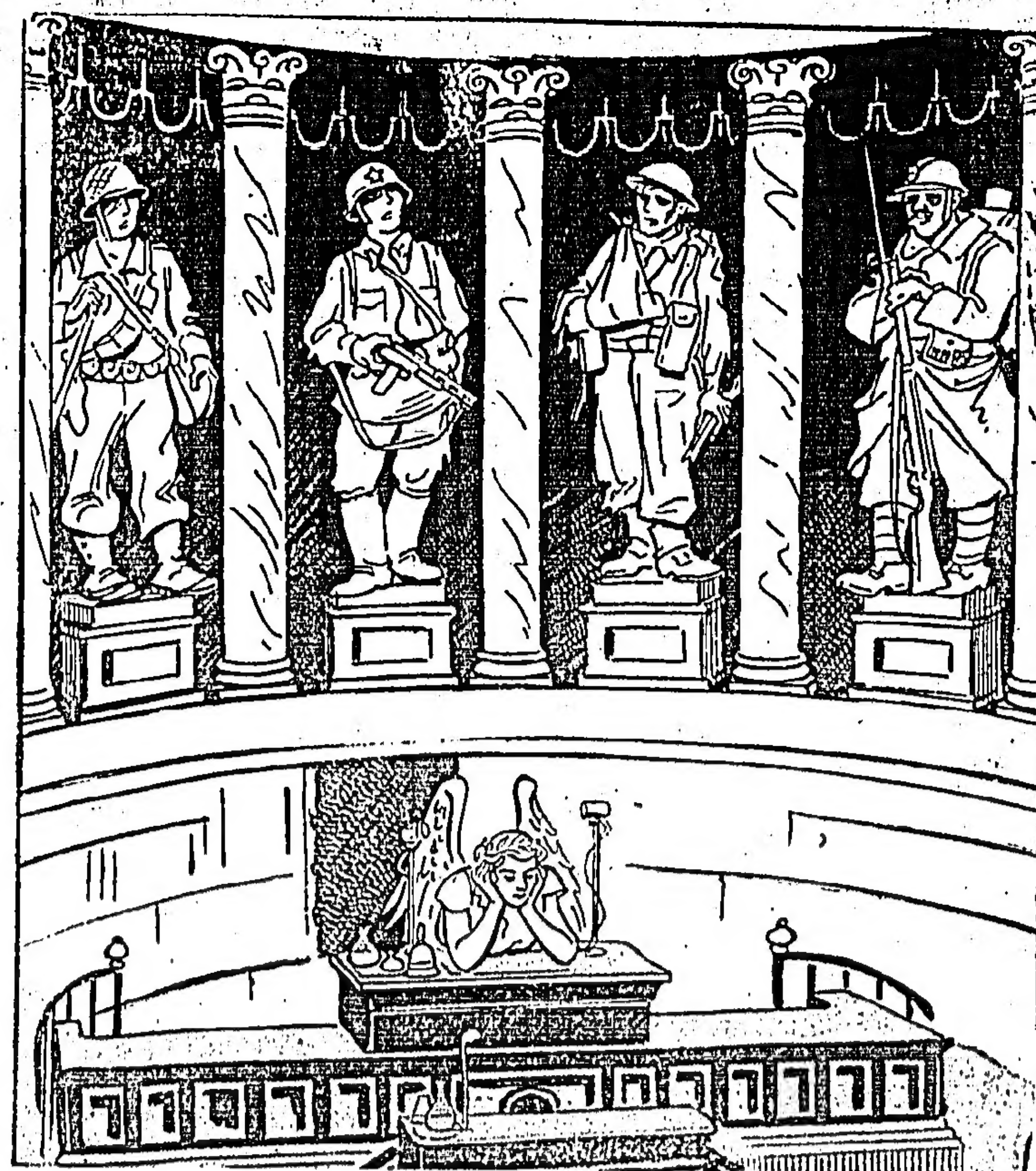
Spain's Gestapo

To fight clandestine groups, the Spanish police has the "Politico-Social Brigade," headed by Lizardo Alvarez Perez. It appears to work largely through former Leftists, who infiltrate the resistance groups and inform the police at an opportune moment.

Franco Spain was one of the countries whose police signed an agreement with the Gestapo to exchange methods and information. Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler made a visit to Spain during the war. Alvarez Perez was awarded subsequently the Cross of Merit of the Order of the German Eagle. Associated Press.

REMINISCENCE OF PARIS

By STRUBE



PEACE: "I hope they'll remember the unity the other four achieved 28 years ago."

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

"A MUSIC lover" writes indignantly to say that it is unfortunate that, at a moment when the eyes of musical Europe are on the new craze for fearfully good music in England, a distinguished singer, making his entrance in the part of Tristan, should be greeted by Isolda with the irrelevant, disrespectful and absurd cry.

"Hello, Patsy Fagan!"

Such incidents, says the writer, are not likely to attract the tourist or to encourage great foreign conductors to visit England. "It is but

one step from this sort of thing," concludes the letter, "to custard-throwing antics."

Rustiguzzi, interviewed recently, said, "I don't know what came over me. I certainly lost my Wagnerian feeling for a moment."

To simplify matters

IN the case of these prefabricated houses which have been built back to front, local authorities (in touch with authoritative spokesmen in official quarters) are being empowered to compel the tenants to cultivate a backwards walk when entering the house from the wrong side.

This can be helped by wearing the hat back to front, or sideways if entrance is to be made through a side wall. So that all will know whether they are coming or going on dark nights, small rear lights will be fixed to the front of each hat or cap.

Note on picture-faking

A BOOKSELLER who went into the picture-faking business described a picture which he had picked up as "a very rare Fragonard." Probably there were only about 18 imitations of it in existence. It used to be sold by men of the world that there were only 34 Rembrandts in existence, 51 of which were in the United States.

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Weather Gone Haywire

BY QUIZ

NOW is the season of showers and breezes. The sort of weather for an umbrella and a philosophic turn of humour.

A bolsterous clumsy sort of wind, as full of pranks as a mischievous schoolboy, can be quite fun—and likeable—but I never could become acclimatized to the sharp, inquisitive, piercing wind that, with cold, seeking fingers, gets by all the defences of fur and woolies, and keeps its victim chilled and shivering.

Then there is the big bulky type of wind that uses gusty bludgeoning to get one down. Throw out the chest and stand up to the breezy fellow. The tussle is a tonic and a beautifier, giving rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes.

All over the world the weather has gone haywire. It is trouting Europe with cruel severity, literally throwing money down the drain, and costing untold sums in misery and suffering.

It has happened before, so perhaps that will prove to be some consolation to those who think that



It may become a yearly habit. In 1914, after the Napoleonic Wars, Europe was in an iron grip of cold, even colder than the recent 'ice age'.

Fortunately, the weather regained its sanity, and we have had a century of fairly moderate winters since, though there have been a few extra chilly lapses, perhaps....

Then there is the 'atomic bomb' school of thought. The weird weather is all blamed on that... But history records that it has happened long before, although, perhaps, the head-waggers of Napoleonic days put it all down to the infernal machines of those warlike times! Still, there may be some connection between the 'atomic' experiments and Mother Nature's chilly choler, and I sometimes shiver in my shoes at the thought of atomic South Pole experiments blowing off the world's ice cap and precipitating another ice age.

WILLIAM HICKEY

BANK INTEREST?

AGE when a man becomes too old for a job is always disputed, but Barclay's Bank seem to be setting a new low.

They want a caretaker or messenger at a local branch, but a former bank clerk, now 45 and disabled, who applied for the job is told: "We are only considering applicants under 37."

And six years the locusts have eaten.

THOUGH charged with the job of bringing holidaying dollars to Britain, appointments to the Tourists' Board have not aroused much interest.

Most people seem to think we have little enough to share with tourists and cannot stomach the thought of any more pity or praise. Only one comment was that Miss CAROLINE HASLETT adds yet another non-polit job to her collection of Government boards and councils—I think it is now sixteen.

Her capabilities and energy are unbounded. I admire her greatly, especially her gift for getting on as well with women as she does with men. And all this extra work is done without ever neglecting the job for which she is paid.

Yet is there nobody else?

RELATIONS between the War Office and some of the civil departments are strained.

When civilian high-ups were invited to a lecture by Field-Marshal MONTGOMERY about his tour they arrived four minutes before the lecture was due to begin, considering that sufficient margin to enable them to be in their places before time.

Yet a military police corporal refused admission, saying that it was the field-marshal's rule that all those attending his lectures should be in their places 10 minutes beforehand. Not having been told, they went away.

Even at functions when the Royal Family are present, five minutes is considered the courteous margin.

AMONG my household goods unpacked after seven years was an untasteful flash-back—the current list of a London wine merchant in 1930.

Croft's '12 was 14s. 0d. a bottle, 174s. a case. Bollinger '28 at 20s. was expensive; 23 brands of good whisky were offered and 38 kinds of bottled beer. And only seven years ago, with "goods unused credited on return" and "telephone orders instantly despatched."

WOULD-BE divorcee in Kansas City complained that her husband was "disagreeable, irritable, morbid, conceited, jealous, heckling, picaresque, loathsome, brazen, miserly, gluttonous, temperamental, selfish, contemptuous, inattentive, uncivil and inconsistent."

Maybe she didn't love him.

•Insignificant.

KILLING JAPS BY BLOW-PIPE IN BORNEO

by TOM HARRISON

In March 1945 Tom Harrison, soldier and explorer, was parachuted with seven others into the Borneo jungle to organise a guerilla army and harass the Japanese, who occupied the island.

Natives, many of whom had never seen a white man, rallied to the cause. Short of modern weapons, these Allied guerillas used as their chief armament the Borneo natives' deadly blow-pipe.

THE blow-pipe is a wonderful weapon. It is a seven-foot-long tube of hard wood weighing about a pound, often with a spear attached. The natives bore a perfectly straight hole, quarter of an inch in diameter, right through for seven feet.

Tucked into his loincloth each man carries a circular bamboo case full of poison blow-pipe darts.

These darts are about eight inches long, of feather-light pith. They look as friendly as tooth-picks. But for Satan's sake beware of the little black marks on the pointed tip. The tiniest scratch can mean death.

One of my Australians, Private Gibbs, just touched his skin with a poison dart tip.

He was in hospital for a month, and during the first part of that time was completely paralysed.

So far as I know, he's the only man who has lived to tell what it feels like to have a spot of Borneo poison.

Kills rhinos

The poison is concocted with various secret rites, from a sort of tree sap. It will kill the largest, toughest thing in Borneo—the rhinoceros.

When firearms came along, however, blow-pipes became infrequent.

Altogether I don't suppose we darted-to-death more than 80 Japs. But the effect on morale was out of all proportion to the numerical loss.

The Japs could never cope with blow-pipes, and the mere suspicion that there were blow-pipers around did more to them than a dozen machine guns.

I don't know if we were breaking any of the rules of war. Frankly, we didn't care.

Almost as soon as we hit the ground we found that the Japs had massacred some 80 unarmed civilians who had taken shelter in the interior in 1942.

They had also performed unimaginable cruelties upon some of the hill tribesmen.

Even so, I would not wish my worst enemy to die by blow-pipe.

A pigeon, hit, will fall—straight and dead to the ground. A monkey will take about half a minute.

But a man takes about 20 minutes in a sort of creeping combination of intoxication and paralysis, terrible to watch.

Quick puff

The supreme advantage of the blow-pipe is silence. A short, quick puff, and you whirl the pith dart down the blow-pipe tube for anything up to 40 yards. A good shot should hit a match-box at 20.

That's more than enough, for in the jungle you can seldom see more than 20 yards. With the dense tangle of bushes, creepers, hanging vines and orchids, you seldom need to shoot at more than 15 yards.

With the wonderful jungle cunning of the jungle people, long-distance accuracy isn't important.

THE ARMY OF THE JUNGLE HOLE

Second Instalment

A really good hunter can get close enough to a rhino to spear it.

These Borneo people simply seem to merge into the shadow of the jungle, to become a part of the sunless deep, green undergrowth and the dark brown trunks of the vast trees.

For them, nothing is easier than to stand motionless and unseen, then take a quick puff at someone on the narrow track a few yards away.

Deadly scratch

If you miss the first time, no one hears or sees anything. There is no general alarm or explosion. You simply carry on shooting, until you register. Then, wherever you scratch, it's a kill.

This was the way we started to fight the Japanese.

Our first job was to collect intelligence for the coastal landings by First Australian Army Corps, under General Sir Leslie Morshead.

We were not to start any open fighting until their "D Day." Then we were to synchronise, with attacks from the rear.

But we couldn't afford to keep our enthusiastic supporters kicking their heels for months.

Luckily, we were able to combine business with pleasure, so to speak.

Nervy Japs

We managed to keep the boys amused without letting the Japs (or the generals) know what went on. I must say that the Japs co-operated. Soon after we arrived, we heard a large patrol was coming up into the interior.

Within a couple of weeks our ambushes had bagged three complete patrols.

Not a lot. But it made the whole interior feel that now at least they were fighting.

From that moment we never looked back. And the Japs never stopped looking back wards—nervously.

The Jap is a fine jungle soldier. But no one can touch the tribesmen of Borneo in their own country.

Their favourite idea was to have an ambush about three miles long. Not quite according to the standard battle-drill. I know. Monty would be appalled.

The idea was that at both ends you had five or six people with blow-pipes, and others scattered at intervals all the way along.

There was another large group in the centre, but still quite well spread out.

It is impossible for anyone to move more than one abreast in this country. Every track is a couple of feet wide, winding up and down slopes, along rock faces, round fallen trees, and over innumerable streams.

The centre group starts the proceedings, when the centre of the column is level with it. In the general shambles that follows, those in front generally go forward, and those in the rear often go backward. Both get shot up all along the line.

Anyone who breaks off to escape loses the track in dense jungle. He can either be hunted down later on, or simply left to wander around and perish.

Another favourite idea was practised on river crossings.

It takes you all your time to wade and scramble through some of Borneo's river crossings. You can't defend yourself.

In some places the natives build beautiful bamboo suspension bridges; but you are equally open to attack on these, because they are so narrow, they can't take more than two people at a time.

We had all the advantage in this tip-and-run stuff.

We had a difficulty in bagging every single Jap patrol that came inland during the three months after we arrived.

No one got back to the coast to tell the story.

An Accident

Of course, the Japs on the coast begin to worry. But by that time we had agents everywhere.

Only once did one of our own people get into a Jap ambush, and that was an accident.

He was an Australian parachute sergeant Bill Nibbs, the fittest man I've seen.

He used to love to go tearing off by himself along a track ahead of his men.

One day he walked slap into some Japs coming from the coast. They were having a rest. Luckily they were as surprised as he was, and missed him. But he had to jump off the track.

And it's typical of the sort of country we were working in that he wandered in the jungle two days before he found his way to the nearest village, a couple of miles away.

Here, he was warmly welcomed, and fed. If he'd been a solitary Jap, they would have quickly sliced his head off.

Head-hunting played a big and useful part in Jap operations.

Before the war head-hunting had been stopped throughout the country. The people were glad to stop it.

There was never any security or peace of mind—but there was always a little lingering, secret sly longing for those old adventurous days, especially among the younger men.

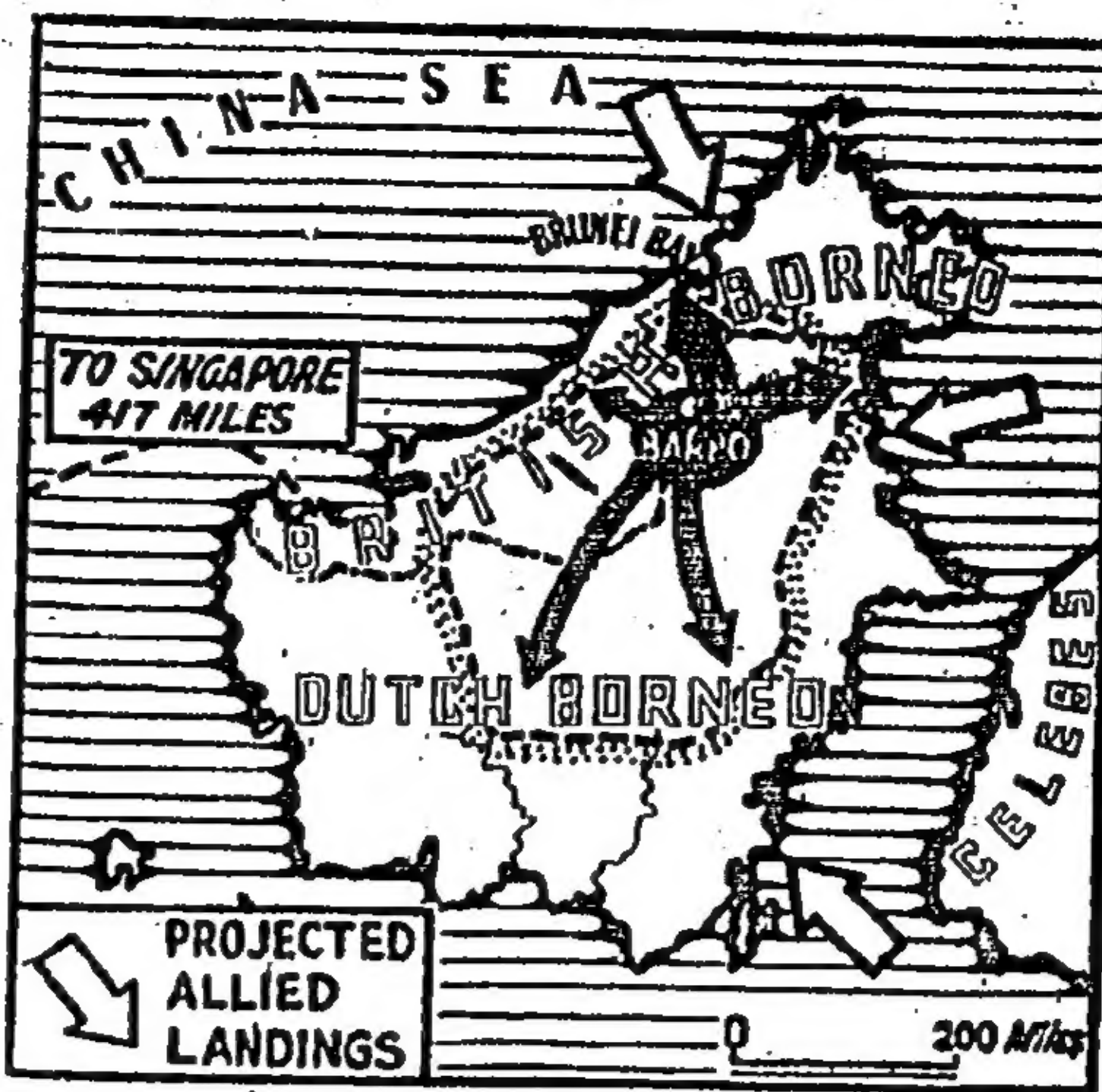
Among other things it was the great way of showing your manhood. The best way to impress the girl of your choice was to bring back a nice fresh-chopped head, and to hang it on the front verandah.

Not cannibals

Main point was to get the head for sacred rites and for pagan festivals.

Special prayers, offerings, songs and dances are made to and with the heads at the time of planting the rice, at harvest time, when children are born to a chief, and so on.

Head-hunting was part of the religious and magical life of the inland people. They are never cannibals.



Each family keeps its heads on a circular rack hung on the verandah, outside the part of the house that belongs to them.

Until you get used to it it's slightly depressing to gaze into the hollow eyes of an empty skull dangling at face height as you come up the steep ladder and bend to pass through the low door of the half-dark smoke-filled long-house.

After years, without any fresh head-hunting, those first Jap heads thrilled the jungle people.

The difficulty was to control the chaps from going too far.

It would have been fatal if they had got over-excited and started making direct attacks on Jap units before "D Day."

Sensible folk

But they are extraordinarily sensible people. Although unable to read or write, they are well able to think, and they have a great deal of common sense.

We were able to keep up the morale by doing things to the Japs which made them want to come further inland, and so fall into our ambushes and traps.

When we arrived we found the Japs relying on the rich interior country for a compulsory levy providing a large part of their food on the coast. The uplands are tremendously rich in rice, fruit, pigs, cattle, water buffalo, goats, fowls, spring salt, and leaf tobacco.

The mountain tribes excel as farmers. We were quickly able to get the whole area voluntarily to give up supplying food.

Everybody expected reprisals but we spread rumours of crop failures and other difficulties through our coastal agents, some of whom were working directly with the Japs.

We promised the people adequate firearms for protection before, reprisals could begin; and we were able to make them honour our promise when the time came.

At the same time, the Japs depended considerably on inland labour in their attempt to build a new road along the coast of Brunei Bay.

If completed, this road would help them in case of an Allied landing; and we knew the Australian Ninth Division intended to land in this very sector of the coast.

The Japs had thousands of Javanese labourers, deported from Java and living under the most wretched conditions. They were mainly engaged in gathering timber and maintaining communications.

Air plan

It was decided that communications should be disrupted by air attacks. We were given the job of collecting exact target information.

Attacks of this sort were made in Labuan, Brunei, and on the Dutch coastline, as well as further north outside my control, where Major Nick Combe, an Englishman in the British North Borneo Civil Service, had been dropped by parachute.

We employed our agents in conjunction with these air attacks to get the Javanese to desert inland. We promised them good treatment.

In this way we were able to get hundreds of Jap-controlled people, many of them with valuable intelligence, to join us. Not only Javanese, but also Malays, Chinese, Timorese, Siks and others who had been conscripted by the Japanese. Some were actually Japanese soldiers.

Their intelligence news was therefore valuable, and we also got badly needed N.C.O.s.

Such was our position in May 1945, about a month before the Australians were due to land.

Next Week

Our barefoot army takes the offensive

ALTERNATIVES TO INCOME TAX

Import Tariffs Hinder Trade

— By "CANDIDUS" —

THE topic of the week, has, of course, been Income Tax, and it appears to be likely to remain the topic. Several alternative suggestions have been made, but one which must be strongly opposed, and that is import tariffs.

Hongkong's great importance and value to the Empire in the past has been the fact that it has, to all intents and purposes, been a free port.

Because of this, flags of all nations have been attracted, and will continue to be attracted as long as the century-old policy is continued. It is true that there are certain very light taxes on certain imports, but they have been wisely calculated, and in no way hinder international trade.

Hongkong may well be described as an international settlement under British rule, and its future prosperity depends upon a continuance of the present policy of unrestricted foreign trade.

Another aspect of vital consequence is the need to foster and develop local manufacturing industries, and here again it is to be hoped that coming taxation will not hinder this important factor.

I STILL maintain that a sales tax would not only prove workable, but successful. Those opposed to it plead that the burden would thus be passed on to the consumer. The consumer would pay, but are we not all consumers? From cigarettes

to motor cars, or from perfumes to hylons, graduated taxes would cover the entire community. Such a tax has proved its worth in Canada and in many parts of the United States. Nobody, visitor or resident, can dodge it in those countries, and it would be equally as effective and inescapable here. It might also assist in solving the hawker problem.

A registration and poll tax would also net a good return, and at the same time serve a most useful purpose in keeping a check on undesirable elements. Whatever forms the new revenue-producing machinery may take, they must be internal and not external, such as a tariff on imports.

Stamp and receipt duties might be increased on a graduated scale, and the buying and selling of shares should not be overlooked.

ONE of the greatest problems which calls for some form of control is the unrestricted immigration. The estimate of 10,000 monthly to a Colony of but a few square miles is indeed alarming, especially when it is remembered that a large percentage of the new arrivals is practically destitute, thus calling for the expenditure of public funds—an expenditure which will grow in magnitude. Destitutes should be barred, and only those who can pass a means test should be permitted to enter.

While Eddie Sucharipa, Belgian war orphan, got his biggest surprise when he arrived in Pittsburgh to join his new parents and found that he would have a nice soft bed to sleep in all by himself.

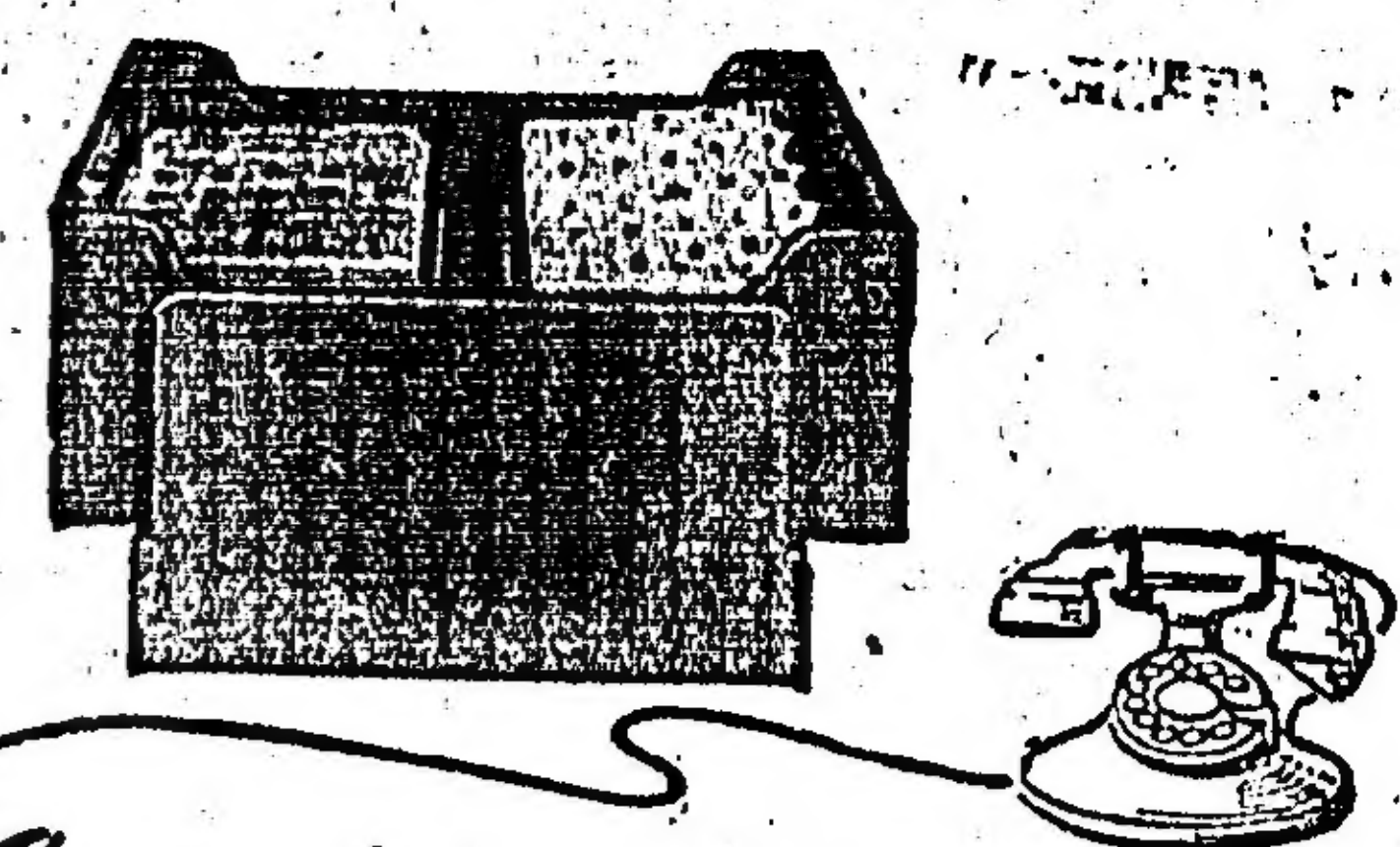
Since the Nazis killed his parents four years ago, the six-year-old lad has been living in a crowded Belgian orphanage. He had a little trouble at first grasping the idea that he was to be the only occupant of a downy mattress and pillow.

"He motioned for me to take one end of the bed and my wife the other," Louis Rosemann—Eddie's French

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MY POINT OF VIEW

By ERNEST THURTLIE, M.P.

Disquiet in Parliament

ONE need not be a Sherlock Holmes to detect in Parliament a feeling of disquiet.

What is worrying members is not so much the immediate consequences of the fuel and power crisis—serious enough though these are—as the revelation of the uncertain nature of the outlook for the future.

The present bout of severe weather will pass, and with it the immediate intense strain on our fuel resources.

But after this there will remain the hard fact that our coal supplies are insufficient for our needs, especially for that vitally necessary increase in the supply of manufactured goods.

No doubt in time, with more men and more machinery, the pits will produce a lot more coal.

But at best that is a comparatively long-term prospect, and has little to do with the gravely critical months ahead.

That is a headache beyond the help of verbal aspirins.

THIS disastrous gap between needs and supplies has been known and talked about for a long time.

Mr. Arthur Horner, the miners' leader, a man who ought to know, outlined the position in most vigorous language last autumn.

But apparently it needed the shock of the present crisis to bring the significance of it home to the country.

What is to be done? I offer no easy answer, for the simple reason that I do not know one. Nor, though I have talked with many, have I yet met anyone who does.

That is the problem for our leaders and masters. Power brings with it inescapable responsibility. However, critics must remember that our leaders are men, not magicians.

There are people who declare that in the end this present shock will prove a blessing in disguise.

Well, we can only hope that such philosophers are right, and that, as was written of a situation, quite different—

"We have had no end of a lesson. And it will do us no end of good."

MR. GEORGE TOMLIN

SIR GEORGE TOMLIN, M.P., Minister of Education should prove a good one.

Education has been one of his main interests ever since he became active in public affairs, and in his native county of Lancashire he has had a good deal of experience of the administrative side of the subject.

In addition to sound judgment he will bring enthusiasm to his new task, and that is a great virtue in any Minister.

I doubt if he had the same zeal for his work at the Ministry of Works and Buildings, and have the view that his new office will suit him much better than his old one.

Women In Sport

New Winter Games Champions

BY CHARLES RIDLEY

London. The girls have been up to their winter games again, running the whole frosty gamut from the plain cold shoulder to a world's crown bid.

To nobody's surprise, Barbara Ann Scott won the Stockholm world figure skating championship. Confidently aware that she had recently beaten all her most dangerous rivals for the world title, the dazzling Canadian, from the first practice trial on Scandinavian ice, left no doubt in anybody's mind that here is a skating luminary of the first magnitude—brightest of the postwar galaxy—whose name will rank as a household word with the leading ice-queens of the post.

The contest was additionally satisfactory in that it confirmed the relative positions of star contenders Barbara Scott, Gretchen van Merril, Daphne Walker and Jeannette Altwegg, as listed by the Davos judges, whose opinions had not always had the wholehearted endorsement of the keenly critical audience.

Apparently qualified skating experts most places agree on what's good and what's not so good. Czechoslovakian skaters Alena Vrzanova and Jirina Nekolova were well in the running again, too, skidding within a couple of points of each other just as they did in Switzerland.

SKIING SKILL

Earlier in the week the skiing ladies had hit the sports headlines, speeding with fascinating skill and grace along the testing tracks of fabulous St. Moritz.

Highlighting the scene of these hard fought contests was the slalom tangle between Sweden's May Nilsson and Colina Seghi of Italy. Miss Nilsson, favoured to win, well knew in which direction the danger lay had told the press she hoped to win but couldn't help being impressed with the Italian girl's style. Womanlike, she added "But perhaps it's more elegant than efficient."

And so, apparently it proved to be, although the grey-eyed Scandinavian's prospects looked black for a time when she finished the first lap lying only third. However, saying she was "going all out for a win," she determined Swedish girl did just that, recovering in the more difficult second lap to nose out Colina the Elegant by a of a second.

Honours for the coveted "Alpine combination" were however denied the charming May when she finished runner-up—14 sec behind Austria's Reti Hammerer, who although only fourth in the slalom, claimed combination victory by virtue of a nice run on the long and tricky downhill stretch.

At Chamonix, Miss Nilsson again narrowly missed Alpine combination honours when she found French Suzanne Thollere, flashing manlike to a brilliant downhill victory on her native slopes, just a little too good for her.

Dazzling

Again the Swedish girl carried all before her with a dazzling exhibition under exceptionally icy conditions to beat Miss Thollere in the slalom event, but having finished only third in the downhill, was unable to equal the French girl's combined times.

Incidentally, Gerorgette Thollere, sister of Chamonix's Suzanne, presently competing in Western United States ski meets, finished third behind two men in a recent combined men-women's downhill event at Sun Valley, famed American ski resort.

Now news that she is heading for Alta Utah and greater successes has moved Francoise Gignoux, president of the French Ski Federation, smilingly to remark: "Maybe Gerorgette will win the United States men's championships. Who knows?"—United Press.

Pro Wrestling Fiasco

A recent bid by professional wrestling promoters to put the sport back in the good graces of the public seems to have fallen flat. A 19-year old girl at the ring-side said she felt sick at the sight. British newsreels played the grunt and groan exhibition as a huge joke sports writers gave the show tongue-lashing, and George MacKenzie, secretary of the British Amateur Wrestling association, acidly commented: "These pros are trying to cash in on our boom. This travesty of wrestling can't kill the sport by nauseating the public. It's a menace."—United Press.

SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton



SPORTS FEATURES

SERVICES TEAMS TO CLASH

Weekend Soccer Matches

(BY SEE TEE)

NAVY v. RAF—the strong Inter-Service flavour of this match gives it an attraction quite its own. This is the first of two Senior League games to be played on the Navy's Ground at Causeway Bay this afternoon. It is followed at 4.15 p.m., by another speculative fixture—Saints v. 44 Commando. The Club are at home to Eastern at 4.15 p.m.

To-morrow the Navy Ground sees the 27th Field Regt., making its first appearance in senior football against the redoubtable Sing Tao.

When the Navy and the RAF met in their last league encounter on November 9, the sailors trounced the airmen 7-1. Anything may happen in this afternoon's game. The Navy are fielding an almost entirely different team, while many well-known faces will be absent from the RAF side. Movements of players away from the Colony have very much troubled the service sides in recent weeks. The airmen are in the winning vein just now so the Navy men will be hard put to keep their end up.

In their last meeting St Joseph's and 44 Commando shared four goals. 44 Commando can usually be relied upon to play better when the opposition is tougher. If the Saints have the services of their Macao men, this match looks like crowning a good afternoon's soccer at Causeway Bay.

ANYTHING MAY HAPPEN

New faces appear in Second Division football at Caroline Hill to-day. The "1st Devons" meet the second string of the Chinese Amateur Sporting Club. This is the Devons' first appearance in the local game. They are taking over the fixtures of the 27th Field Regt. In their turn the "27th" have moved into the Senior League to take over 45 Commando's fixtures—"45" have played their last game in local football. They will long be remembered for their splendid fight against Sing Tao in the Governor's Cup semi-finals.

On their part the "27th" have a very severe test for their first match in the Senior League to-morrow. Sing Tao are in cracking form; they are racing neck and neck with South China for the league championship. Understand the 27th have an unusually good goal-keeper, and he may be well tried.

To-morrow's other First Division game is the meeting of Kwong Wah and the CASC. The Amateurs scored a very decisive 6-1 victory over Kwong Wah when they met on November 10. They are still going strong despite a recent set-back. Kwong Wah are a much improved side and will be very keen to turn the tables on CASC. This promises to be the most interesting of to-morrow's games.

THE INTERPORT

I was quite sure that Macao would give Hongkong a good start last Sunday but I must admit to a certain feeling of disappointment when, at half time the home team had established a 3-0 superiority.

Macao perplexed me throughout most of the first half. Some of their raids moved upfield from their own penalty area in truly classic style until a futile miskick (often "pass" straight to remote opponent) or some other blunder wrecked the whole framework. The football craft and team work were clearly there.

Maybe Hongkong's superiority complex in the opening minutes of the second half allowed the visitors just that extra inch of ground which mattered. There was slackening off in the last quarter of an hour; the home defence was battling all it knew how to hold off the Metro attack, at the other end Lal Shui-wing and Co. were scheming and working hard to get that extra goal which would put the issue beyond doubt.

It was a great pleasure to hear the visitors' efforts receive both encouragement and appreciation. The Macao players were much impressed by the friendliness of the home crowd which did much towards helping them to settle down and make such a great fight of it in the second half.

THRILLING DUEL

I fear that a long while may pass before we see such excellent pivot play as Sunday's Interport game produced. Partington's battles with Carvalho were great stuff. It crowned a brilliant career in local



FOOTBALL LAWS

The Goal Area

The goal area is that portion of the field (at each end) marked off around the goal posts. In point of fact it is an area enclosed by a line drawn six yards from the goal line and parallel to it and closed at either end by lines which join the goal line six yards outside each goal post. Most spectators regard the goal area as that from which the goal-kick is taken; they forget that its chief feature is that it is a goal-keeper's sanctuary.

Within that six yards enclosure the goal-keeper must not be charged unless he is holding the ball or obstructing an opponent. It is reasonable that the goal-keeper should be protected when all his attention is centred upon saving a shot at goal. It is reasonable also that this protection should cease when he leaves the region in which he is normally expected to deal with shots at goal.

It is because of this that most referees take up a position with a clear view of the goal-area when a corner kick is being taken. If the ball crosses the goal within that area the goal-keeper has the right to deal with it and be exempt from charging; he must not, of course, attempt to play it any way which the referee may deem unfair. In the general scramble which occurs when the ball is dropped right in front of the goalmouth the goal-keeper enjoys a great advantage over all his opponents. If he can time his jump accurately he can flit the ball away before it has dropped low enough for a player to head it.

It is unfortunately true that some players try to prevent the goal-keeper getting to the ball with the intention of leaving it way clear for their team-mates. The Laws of the Game, however, cope for that sort of thing. If a player, in attempting to prevent the goal-keeper getting to the ball within the goal area, charges him, an indirect free kick is the immediate penalty. If he holds him, pushes him or jumps at him he should be stopped at once and a direct free kick awarded against him.

soccer, for I'm afraid he leaves the Colony this week.

Airosa showed that he is still the best centre half in local football. He has that rare judgment of knowing just when to get between the centre forward and the ball. Eyes proved a tough handful but both on the ground and in the air Airosa had his measure.

It is to the centre forward's credit that on the one occasion Airosa was lured into following an attack upfield the ball came back quickly for the unmarked Eyes to crash in a first-rate goal. Well done, Eyes; it isn't every player who makes his mark so decisively against such capable opposition.

Badminton Again

Badminton has restarted at several clubs in Hongkong following rehabilitation of courts.

One club to renew the game is St. Andrew's, where the church hall has once again become available for the game.

Below is a group of St. Andrew's players snapped last week during a practice evening.



Weekend Diary

TODAY

Soccer—1st Division

Navy—RAF v. Navy, 2.45 p.m.
Navy—St. Joseph's v. 44 Com Cdo, 4.15 p.m.
Club—Club v. Eastern, 4.15 p.m.

Second Division

Soekunpoo—Police v. 44 RM Cdo, 4.15 p.m.
Military "H"—HK Chinese Cadre v. RAMC, 2.45 p.m.
Club—397 Coy. RASC v. Club, 2.45 p.m.
Caroline Hill—South China v. Kili Chee, 2.45 p.m.

Racing

Happy Valley—Third Extra Meeting.

Cricket

KCC—KCC v. University, 2 p.m.

Yachting

14-Ft. Dinghy Races—Afternoon.

SUNDAY

Soccer—1st Division

Navy—27th Field Regt. RA v. Sing Tao, 4.15 p.m.
Club—Kwong Wah v. CASC, 4.15 p.m.

Second Division

Navy—Dockyard v. Sing Tao, 2.45 p.m.
Club—3 Cdo Bde. HQ v. Kwong Wah, 2.45 p.m.
Soekunpoo—HK Wireless Centre v. HQ Land Forces, 4.15 p.m.

Cricket

KCC—HQ Land Forces v. RAF, 11 a.m.

Lawn Bowls

KBGC—KBGC v. Cranfengower, 3.30 p.m.

Yachting

Morning—Team Races; Afternoon—14-Ft. Dinghy Races.

Two Sidelights On Sports

Humour: During the recent fight between Briton Freddie Mills and Italian Enrico Bertola, a London Cockeyed and Italian, had problem in choosing which fighter to cheer for. He finally sounded like this: "Enrico, viva Enrico! Sinistra, Enrico, sinistra Enrico, avanti! Co, watcha tink? Ain't ah'r Freddie gotta win? Left foot, ain't 'e nah?" Enrico, right foot, Hoff, German heavyweight champion, will not consider suggestions to be sparring partner for England's Bruce Woodcock. Ten Hoff wants a real fight with Woodcock for the European title.—United Press.

THIRD EXTRA MEETING

Likely Placings On Current Form

BY "THE TURF"

With the grass track in excellent condition and bright sunshine promised after the recent rain, punters attending the Third Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club this afternoon are assured of keen racing with some close finishes.

There are eight events on the card and after a survey of racing and training performances there appears to be little likelihood of major upsets. One can expect favourites to have more than their average share of the spoils.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race run at 2 p.m.

MOUNT AUSTIN HANDICAP

In this opening event over half a mile and 170 yards, the flusly short race will be fought out between Jacobus (Newman) and Jackie (Gregory). These two ponies are excellent sprinters, but Jacobus will have little advantage of a difference in weight. Autumn Rose (Hodgman) will also have a chance to contest, but this mare will have to be up with the field all the way. For an outsider, The Undertaker with Crisfield up, will be very dangerous as this pony is a sprinter and the distance fits him very well. The other entrants are evenly matched and hardly liable to cause any major upsets.

WYALONG STAKES

(1st Section)

I don't see how Canary (Gregory) can fall this time as the pony has been knocking at the door for a long time and will most probably score her first win of the season. Souvenir (Yuen) may well fill a minor position, while Burge (Ostroumoff) should secure a place as the company is not exceptionally good. The other remaining entrants will be Blue Peter (Hodgman), Golden Swallow (Newman), National Congress (Chiu), Airfield Trojan, Sunny and Kookaburra (Boycott). The last-named is to be on view for the first time.

CAULFIELD HANDICAP

(1st Section)

In this one mile race of "B" Class Ponies the event will be evenly contested as the field comprises the best "B" Class ponies, such as Elmer (Hodgman), Hurricane (Ostroumoff), Shanghai Beauty (Chiu), Thunderbolt (Francis), Whirlaway (Boycott), Kim (Newman), Lily, Jeep King (Rowlands) and White Dragon (Yuen). I am of the opinion that Lily will have a slight edge on the others, as in his last performance this pony turned in a very good time indeed.

CABRAMATTA STAKES

This race is confined to novice jockeys and is from the two mile post once round and in. Speedway with Mr. Francis up has all the chances of winning. The main opposition will come from Kelly (Newman) and Happy Season (Rowlands) who will have to fight it out. The other probable starters are Rosebud (Chiu), Betty Lou and Lola Sapola (Castro).

ALBURY HANDICAP

I understand that for the main event of the day the only absentee will be Soekunpoo. The field will be well balanced and one of the closest finishes of the day should take place. My selections are Nora Queen (Ostroumoff), Bushful Beauty (Francis) and Airborne (Black). Royal Commission (Boycott), Daisy Bell (Yuen), V. J. Day (Hodgman) and Spanish Onion (Newman) will also go to the post. The last-named should be worth considering as an outsider.

CAULFIELD HANDICAP

(2nd Section)

There should be little to choose between Avalon (Rowlands) and Arabian Moon in this mile race and another tight finish is expected. Shannon (Ostroumoff) is well fancied, but this boy will find it difficult to do better than probably secure one of the minor positions. Lucky Strike, Sunshine, The Wolf (Chiu), Peacock (Castro) and Flying Arrow are the other entrants.

WYALONG STAKES

(2nd Section)

The paying-out shroffs will probably have to work overtime after this event as Fifth Alarm (Black) will almost certainly be the hottest favourite of the day, and should fully justify the public's confidence.

Burgomaster (Woo) and Tunny are the other two tipped to finish in the money. The remainder of the field will consist of Jinx (Gregory), Emperor Gate (Ostroumoff), Furiosa (Jones), Golden Wheel, Jackal (Ching) and Tootsie (Yuen).

CAULFIELD HANDICAP

(3rd Section)

This "B" Class mile event should provide an excellent finale to the afternoon's racing. Red Fox (Gregory), Fat Choy and Midnight Express (Woo) are the three prominent. The other starters are Happy Valley (Ho Hong Yink), King Fisher (Chiu), Honeybelle (Newman) and Esmeralda (Yuen).

Boat Race On Mar. 29

The annual Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge will take place on March 29. The race will be over the usual Putney to Mortlake course on Britain's River Thames, a distance of about five miles.

The University Boat Race is one of Britain's oldest sporting events, and the first race of the present series took place as far back as June 10, 1829. This race was won by Oxford by several lengths, and about twenty thousand people watched the race from the banks. The Boat Race has always been a free spectacle, and is annually watched by several hundred thousand people.

Since that first race in 1829 there have been many changes. Specially-designed boats are now used; clothes and methods of training have changed, and the whole science of rowing has been altered.

SEVEN BEAT EIGHT

During the long history of the Boat Race there have been many exciting races, as in 1843 when the Oxford crew took the water with only seven men to the eight in the Cambridge boat, and despite the difficult circumstances won by several lengths.

In 1912 the race was started in a gale and before the Cambridge boat had reached the half-mile post it was swamped and sank. The Oxford boat continued for a further two miles, and then the crew was forced to beach the boat and empty the water out of it. When the boat was empty the crew gamely set off again in an attempt to finish the course, but no race was declared because assistance had been received from one of the spectators.

To date the score of wins is Cambridge: 50, Oxford 45, with one draw. The record time for the race is 19 min. 3 sec. set up by Cambridge in 1934.

BIG MONEY FOR FELLER

Bob Feller, fast-ball pitcher for the Cleveland baseball club, has a contract that will bring him as much as \$9,000 dollars this year. This is payment for a maximum of eight months' work, including spring training. During the regular 154-game season, a pitcher is not likely to work more than 40 games.

Just to give another conception of that kind of money, it is roughly equivalent (at legal rates) to \$90,000 Austrian marks, 10,800,000 French francs, 360,000 Swiss francs, 388,800 Swedish kronor, 18,000,000 Finnish marks or \$3,750,000 Italian lire. Feller's salary is higher than that of President Truman and more than baseball's record sum of \$8,000 dollars paid to Babe Ruth in 1930-1931.—United Press.

Fastball Notes

GIANTS WIN LEAGUE

Season About To Wind Up

BY "SPECTATOR"

The League season has ended, according to an official intimation. Charlie Figueredo's Giants are the champions and St Joseph's, under Dave Leonard, the runners-up.

All normal fixtures were not played out. Giants, in receiving a walk-over from the Baseball Club, placed themselves in an unpassable position at top of the table, so much so that their remaining fixture against Recreio need not be played. Instead of letting matters drag, as they appeared to be by the complete cancellation of the last two lots of games, it was decided to ring down the curtain on the League season, recording Giants as the winners.

Fastball continues to take its place on the sport stage with arrangements under way to launch this year's International Series. It is expected that four teams representing India (holders), Portugal, China and America will be competing.

Playing mentor Figueredo, in co-ordinating with captain A. H. B. led a bunch of fighting, youthful Giant boys to snatch the flag from the closest of competition. The majority of their games were decided by a one-run margin; however, they won all but one of the games they played.

GOOD TEAM WORK

Teamwork had most to do with the Giants' victory. Individual displays were not sparkling and no particular player could be singled out as having done most towards the team's success. But it is creditable that one player or the other did "come off" when required, which served to good advantage.

The following did service for the champion team. Leo Tavares (pitcher), Charlie Figueredo (catcher), A. H. Bakar (first base), A. K. Markkar (second base), B. M. Omar (third base), Billy Soares (short stop), Gus Rosario (left field), I. M. Omar (centre field), Peco Baptista (right field) and Chucic Quinn (rover).

Always on hand for emergency were utilities, pitcher Zaza Abbas and infielder Robert Remedios. In the couple of times they were called upon to do duty they undeniably showed their mettle which placed them side by side with the regulars in the way of standard.

Tavares pitched good speed and had fine control, while Figueredo was the brain trust. Benny Omar and Soares played brains of ball that put them among the best infielders on the local diamond. Surecatch Rosario, plus Oily Omar and Baptista, with Quinn in roving control, formed a go-getting, fly-mas-sacring brigade. Here-there-and-everywhere Junior Markkar did not let his team down, playing ball with confidence at five different positions—first base; second base; rover; third base and catcher. A couple of the silliest errors playing at first base in the very first game of the League yanked him out for the rest of the fixtures from his favourite position. "Big Boy" Bakar, however, proved himself a first baseman of class.

This scribe is glad to see that very keen follower of fastball, young S. (Lefty) Moosdeen, of the ground sub-committee, "going places" again. He was working hard early every Sunday morning marking diamonds until illness kept him from this labour of love for a month or so.

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TELEGRAPH NEWSREEL



CATHEDRAL WEDDING—Group taken after the wedding at St John's Cathedral last Saturday of Sgt Gordon James Morrison, RAF, and Miss Beatrice Ellen Mason. The bride was formerly a WAAF stationed in Hongkong. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



AT ST MARGARET'S CHURCH last week Miss Anna Leung, popular physical instructress, was married to Mr Jimmy Chong. (Photo: Golden Studio)

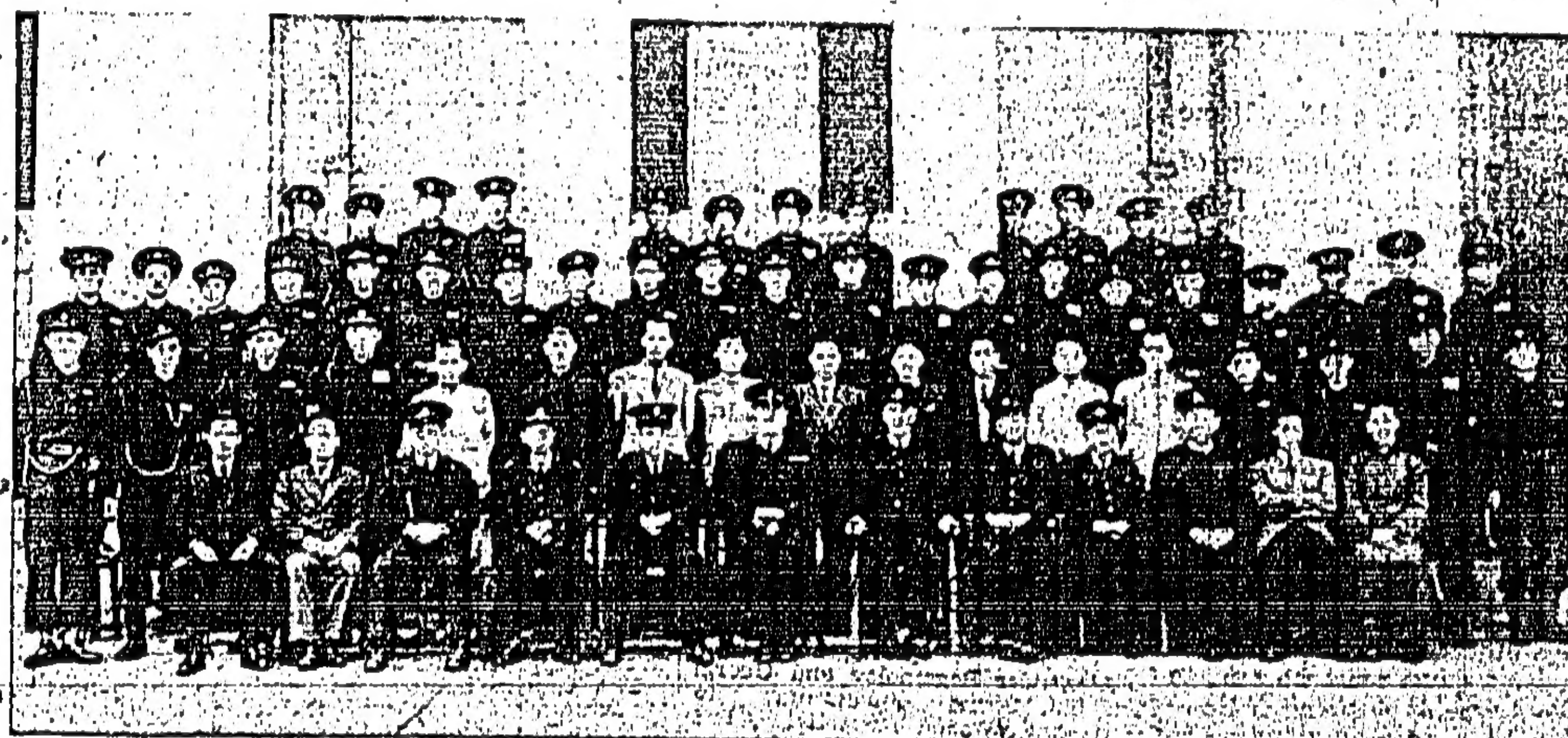
ENGINEER WEDS—Picture at left shows Mr James Patrick Rush, electrical superintendent of Taikoo Dockyard, and his bride, Miss Maisie Mary Metcalfe, who were married at St Andrew's Church last Saturday. (Photo: Mee Cheung)

HONGKONG won the interport football match with Macao last Sunday by three goals to two. Below, the two teams photographed before play. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



CONFERENCE—The Hongkong Rotary Club last week acted as hosts to delegates to the Rotary International District Conference. Some of those who attended the luncheon given last Saturday are pictured above, including Mr E. J. R. Mitchell, President of the Hongkong club, Mr A. W. Ingram, Dr and Mrs Li Shu-fan and Mr Robert Choa. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

SOME of those who attended the Rotary Club supper dance at the Hongkong Hotel on Monday. From left—Miss Nora Young, Mr Alastair Todd, Miss Iris Irving, Lt Bobby Parkinson, Mr Yvan Segalen, Miss Mona Shand and Lt-Cdr "Dasher" Briggs. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



OFFICERS and staff of No. 8 Police Station recently bid farewell to Inspector H. A. Moffat (seated sixth from right). Photo above was taken on the occasion. (Photo: England Studio)



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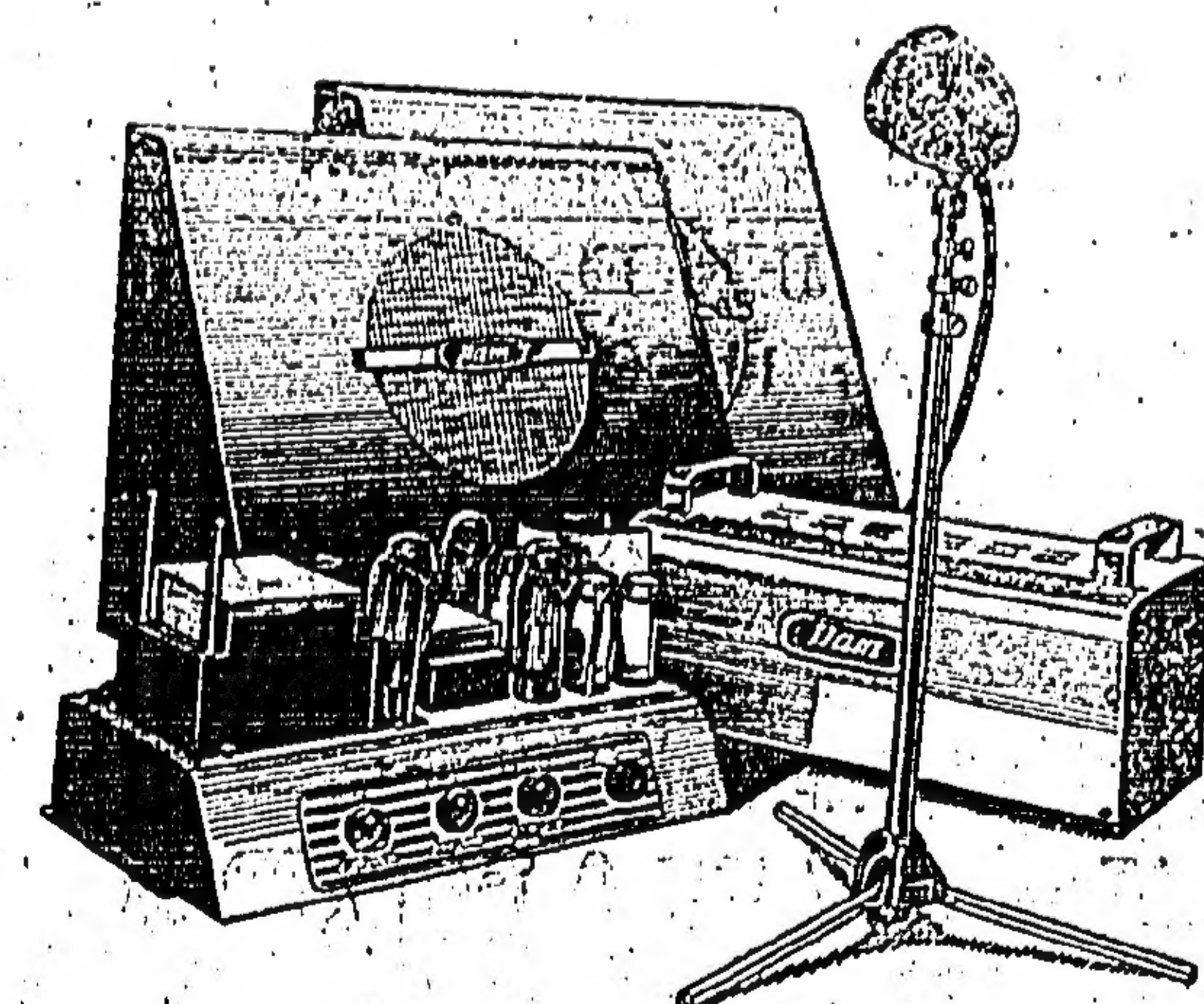
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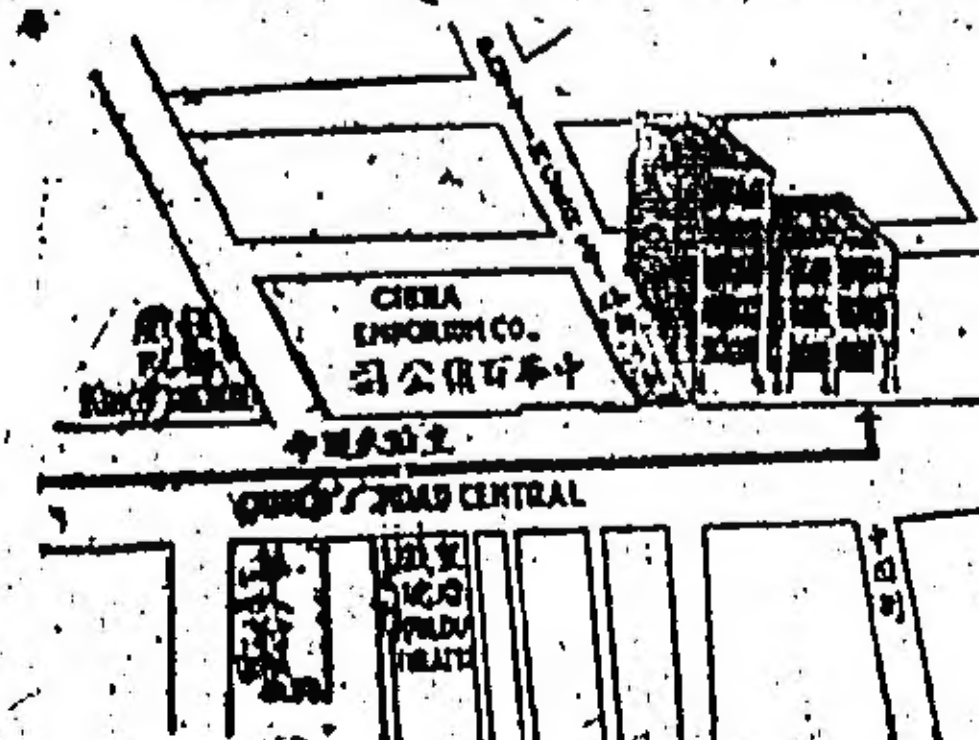
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Truman Speech Seen As Presaging Collapse Of Greek Guerillas

London, Mar. 14.

Greek official quarters to-day forecast speedy collapse of the guerrilla movement in northern Greece and termination of the Greek civil war as an ultimate result of President Truman's "generous offer."

They said Mr. Truman's speech would make history in the fullest meaning of the word—not only economic and financial history—and would profoundly affect Greek home policy and even foreign politics.

Greek Government quarters said they would, however, work for the genuine consolidation of the country and not just to suppress the guerrillas.

There is no question of outlawing any political party; on the contrary, the EAM and Communist Party would be given a new chance to show their real strength.

Following a quietening of the situation in Greece, which is expected as a certainty, during the summer and autumn new parliamentary elections would become possible early in 1948 although the term of the present parliament did not close before 1950.

The EAM would obtain a splendid opportunity to transform itself from revolutionary into constitutional opposition.

Communist Opposition
The position of the coalition government of Premier, Dimitrios Maximos has been strengthened by American support, not only in the face of Communist opposition but also against Left Wing Liberals under Mr. Theodoros Sophoulis.

Quarters close to the present government said Mr. Sophoulis could join the Cabinet only if he accepted the terms of the majority instead of asking for fulfillment of "impossible conditions" which he put forward in the past, hoping the regime would collapse for lack of funds.

It is felt in Greek quarters that guerrilla activity would break down not only because the Greek Government would have in future a well-equipped armed force at its disposal, which will be increased up to 130,000 men, but also because of a general improvement of the economic situation depriving guerrilla leaders and the political forces backing them of their most favourite argument against the present coalition government.

Foreign Policy
Official Greek quarters are reticent as to the implications which President Truman's step will have on Greek foreign policy. They are confident, however, that Greece, strengthened by American moral and material support, will in the long run be in a better position to establish normal relations with its northern neighbours than a weak Greece always at the fringe of financial catastrophe and economic disaster.

There is every reason to believe Mr. Truman's speech implied an indirect recommendation of closer understanding between Greece and Turkey as the only two countries belonging to the pre-war Balkan entente remaining outside the new eastern Slavonic bloc.

It is felt the repeated joint mentioning of these two countries by President Truman would create a further link between them. Foreign Minister Constantine Tsaldaris is known as a champion of Turkish-Greek rapprochement.

The Greeks believe an eastern Mediterranean bloc, including Greece, Turkey and Italy, would be not unworkable to the Anglo-Americans as a counterweight against the Slavonic bloc, which only a few days ago was further consolidated by the Czech-Polish treaty.

—United Press.

SOVIET ENVOYS ON THE MOVE

Paris, Mar. 14.

Alexander Bogomolov and Georgi Zarubin, Soviet Ambassadors to Paris and London respectively, left here by air to-day for Moscow.

Nikolai Novikov, Ambassador to the United States, who left New York by air yesterday for the Soviet capital, called unexpectedly in London to-day. He left for Moscow immediately.—Reuter.

RECEPTION TO MENON

London, Mar. 14.

Hundreds of Indian students, accompanied by their friends, British and Colonial, attended a reception last night given by the London Majlis in honour of Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, the personal representative in Europe of Pandit Nehru.

The function marked the services rendered to the Indian cause by Mr. Menon during his 30 years in London.

Mr. Zavanja, president of the Majlis, said the Indian students felt it a proud privilege to meet their comrades of other countries who shared the same ideologies with them.

Their presence at a meeting where they paid homage to an Indian leader, indicated that the student community throughout the world felt the same way as they did about independence.

Mr. Menon said: "Before I leave for India next week I want to know what the student has to say at this critical moment of India's destiny."

"This meeting has enabled me to know their minds. Time is changing fast and only advice to you all is to unite and co-operate in all your actions in every sphere of life."

Mr. Menon is leaving for India by plane next Monday.—Reuter.

SHEEP DOGS AS SENTRIES

Bremen, Mar. 15.

One hundred shepherd dogs started to-day on the first leg of the 14,000 mile trip to Korea as members of the American army, mostly to do sentry duties, including that of homes of American dependents.—Associated Press.

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CHILDREN IN JAPAN RUN AMUCK

Tokyo, Mar. 14.

Japanese children, once highly-regarded as obedient, have been running amuck in a wave of juvenile delinquency.

The newspaper Nippon Keizai says that in one school most of the fifth and sixth grade pupils are inveterate smokers, acquiring the habit while gathering cigarette butts for their elders.

In one town near Tokyo, grade school pupils staged a drunken celebration and recovered from it by sleeping in a shrine. A gang of home robbers was organised in another school.

Police estimate that crimes committed by juveniles show a 100 per cent increase for the year.—Associated Press.

SINGAPORE MASSACRE OF CHINESE

Singapore, Mar. 14.

Three Chinese survivors told a war crimes court here to-day of a Japanese massacre after the fall of Singapore that was like "hell on earth."

They said they were among a crowd of Chinese taken from concentration camps, herded into trucks, tied in pairs and turned out near the shore, where they were told to walk towards the sea.

The Japanese then opened fire with machine guns.

One of the three giving evidence to-day said he was hit on the head by a bullet and then fell down.

A Japanese soldier stood on his chest and bayoneted the man he was tied to, who had also been hit and was wailing and groaning.

He managed to keep quiet in spite of the pain he was suffering, and escaped.

Bodies were littered about like fish in the market, he said. "Those still alive were groaning and screaming in cursing. It was just like hell on earth."

The three survivors waited until nightfall and then swam out to sea and landed on another part of the beach.—Reuter.

Mr Pickwick Gets The Brolly

Bath, England, Mar. 14.

It rained in Bath to-day, but Mr. William Pickwick was quite prepared for it. He still had his umbrella.

The county court of Bath confirmed Mr. Pickwick as the lawful owner of the said umbrella yesterday and disallowed the claim of Miss Pauline Alberta MacFie, whose ancestors were loyal supporters of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

The umbrella originally belonged to Miss MacFie's sister, the late Mrs. Eulalia Withers. Pickwick told the Court Mrs. Withers gave him the umbrella in 1945 and that he used it at her funeral in 1946.

Miss MacFie swore that in 1943 Mrs. Withers promised the umbrella to a friend, Miss Blanche Bedford. After Mrs. Withers' death, Miss MacFie said, she wrote Pickwick demanding that he surrender the umbrella to Miss Bedford.

"I received an astounding letter from a relative of Mr. Pickwick, saying 'I am sending Miss Bedford 30 shillings to buy a new umbrella.'"

"I took it to be bribery and corruption. I returned the 30 shillings and said that in 1945 the MacFies could not be bribed to betray Bonnie Prince Charlie. We are not to be bought for 30 shillings."

The Judge ruled that the umbrella was Mr. Pickwick's.

Miss MacFie shouted, "Grasping, mean, despicable people!"

She was removed by the bailiff. Mr. Pickwick walked out quietly—with his umbrella.—United Press.

NO PRINTED ESTIMATES YET

It is learned that the printed detailed estimates for the current financial year will not be available until next week owing to the fact that some government departments have not yet submitted their statements to the printers.

Lord Tyrrell Dies

London, Mar. 15.

The death has occurred from bronchial pneumonia of William George, Lord Tyrrell, 80, President of the British Board of Censors and former British Ambassador in Paris.—United Press.

Unlucky Ending

Sydney, Mar. 14.

Four hours after landing here after being 102 days at sea, two members of Admiral Byrd's Antarctic expedition, both Americans, were killed in a car accident.—Reuter.

They Draw Attention In Moscow

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, Mar. 14.

The British and French delegations to the Moscow Foreign Ministers' Conference are causing widespread eyebrow-lifting among the Russian people.

The British version of proper garb for winter wear in the Soviet capital has been the cause of particular amusement.

Dressed in uniforms of brown cloth—similar to those usually worn by chauffeurs in Russia—and wearing furry white hats resembling those of the Caucasian shepherds, the British look to the Russians like something that just stepped off the stage of an opera house.

Many Russians are coming to the centre of the city just to get a look at them. British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin fortunately did not come dressed like most of his delegation. He appeared in a dark, conservatively cut overcoat and Homburg hat—conforming to the general Russian idea of what the British diplomat looks like.

HEARTY APPETITES
Many in the British delegation—accustomed to rigid rationing at home—also have attracted the attention of Russian waiters by their hearty appetites with which they attack the generous fare offered by the Moscow hotels.

Said one waiter at the Hotel Moskva: "The food situation in Britain must be worse than anywhere in the world, judging from the way these people eat."

The sensations of the French delegation are the first clerks and stenographers, who dash about the winter streets wearing wide shawls, fur jackets and no hats.

"Put those girls together with the British delegation, and you would have a perfectly costumed chorus for the theatre," said one Russian.—Associated Press.

CHINA NUMBERS 455,900,648

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Hsingnan, on the border of Outer Mongolia, trails the list with a population of 331,956.

The census includes Tibet, officially regarded as a province, allocating 3,772,091 inhabitants to the Himalayan Land of Mystics.

Of the leading cities, each comprising an administrative area on its own, Greater Shanghai is far and away the one with the largest population, having 3,765,111 persons, according to the census. The local municipality, however, has indicated this figure may not be completely accurate since it was based on a checking off of the last official census in 1932.

Many observers place the total population of the country at 500,000,000 or even higher—some suggesting 600,000,000—and this would tally with the Interior Ministry's figures when taking into account the Red-controlled areas.—United Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

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Saturday, March 15

Altmair: Canton, Luchow, Kuning, 3.30 p.m. Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Saurabaya, Sydney, Auckland, 3.30 p.m.

Saloon, Rangoon, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, London, 3.30 p.m. Seamail: Shanghai, 2 p.m.

U.S.A., Central and South America, Canada (via San Francisco), 3 p.m. Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, 4 p.m.

Manila, Bangkok, Mauritius, Madagascar, Belra, South Africa (via Durban), 3 p.m.

Canada (via Vancouver), 3 p.m. Australia (via Sydney), 3 p.m. Shanghai, Honolulu, 4 p.m.

Trails: Canton, 4 p.m. Altmair: Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, 10 a.m.

Seamail: Canton, 9 a.m. Kowloon, 10 a.m. Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, 10 a.m. Tsankong, 10 a.m. Haiphong, 10 a.m.

Canton, 10 a.m. Altmair: Monday, March 17 Rangoon, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, 3.30 p.m.

Seamail: Haiphong, noon. U.S.A., Central and South America, Canada (via San Francisco), 3 p.m.

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British Legion

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E. J. R. Mitchell,
Former Committee Member.